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CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

“... we need to stay on the cutting edge of technology ...”

Justice majors flood College

By STEPHANIE GOAD
STAFF WRITER

With 520 majors representing nearly 10 percent of the student body, criminal justice has become one of the most prominent departments on campus.

"This year our enrollment increase is 17 percent due to some very hard work done by faculty members in their recruiting efforts and their retention efforts," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology.

The department's enrollment push included visits to high schools and junior colleges in the area, open houses, and career fairs. Seminars for law enforcement officers served to increase the department's visibility off campus.

Dr. Blake Wolf, head of criminal justice, believes the push for more students is a cautionary measure to protect the department against threats like Hancock II.

"We're doing some hustling just in case something bad does happen, because Hancock II could come back in a different form," Wolf said. "The faculty has done a tremendous job in recruiting. We also try to keep track of our students and get them to re-enroll. We have a good product."

April McCool, senior criminal justice major, said Spurlin and Wolf have promoted a good relationship between students and instructors in the department. She said activities like Wednesday's career fair allow potential employers to look at students for job opportunities.

"This opens a lot of doors by bringing employers to us," McCool said. "The field is growing and changing with more job opportunities."

About 400 students and alumni attended Wednesday's career fair, which included local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The surge in enrollment, however, has brought a crunch for space.

"We are out of room so we are having to offer classes in other buildings on campus," Spurlin said.

Spurlin said the state has appropriated \$250,000 for planning an addition to the

Anderson Justice Center.

"We have an architect, and some surveying is under way," he said. "We hope next year the state will approve funding for building an addition to the Justice Center."

Spurlin said criminal justice at Southern not only has a statewide reputation but is developing something of a national reputation as well.

"We provide training for the United States Corps of Engineers Park Rangers," he said. "Last spring we provided training for three different groups of 40 out of the state of Texas."

He added, "I always ask how many colleges they had to fly over to get to Missouri Southern. There is some reason they're coming, and we believe it's the quality of the program."

Spurlin said the department made a decision as a unit to work diligently at keeping up with technology.

"We are involved in generating funds outside of the normal College funds," he said. "All the faculty have agreed we need to stay on the cutting edge of technology, and they are all hustling to make the extra money."

Spurlin said the department recently purchased a new shooting system from Israel. "We sent three instructors over to Israel to complete training on it, and they just got back," he said. "It was [College President] Dr. Leon who really helped us. He allowed us to do some creative new things by financing the shooting system."

Spurlin said the department took out a \$70,000 loan to purchase the equipment.

"We will repay the loan with the extra money we have generated from our programs," he said.

Spurlin said Leon is always interested in "seeing the latest technology for the students."

"It's been his backing that has allowed us to do this," he said.

Spurlin said he believes as a result of departmental enhancement, "we will continue to see the program increase in size." □

Dan Wisszon, managing editor, contributed to this story.



Shawna Perkins, freshman criminal justice major, takes aim in the basement at Anderson Justice Center Wednesday. Criminal justice enrollment increased 17 percent.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Former Southern star dies

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Former Missouri Southern basketball standout Marvin Townsend died Saturday morning doing what he did best—playing basketball.

Townsend, a native of St. Louis, suffered an apparent heart attack in a pickup game with friends. He was 31.

A 6-foot-7, 225-pound center, Townsend was a dominant force for the Lions from 1985-87. He scored 1,167 points in his two seasons, placing him sixth on Southern's all-time list. Townsend also averaged 8.5 rebounds per game for the Lions.

Jeff Starkweather, Joplin High School boys' basketball coach, played with Townsend at Southern. Starkweather said he remembers him as a player who had passion for the game.

"He loved the game of basketball," Starkweather said. "Whenever there was a game, he was around. He was an outstanding player."

"He just flat out loved to play the game."

Townsend, who received his communications degree from Southern in 1988, impressed many with his amiable personality off the court.

"He was such a friend," said Dr. Vernon Peterson, professor of Spanish, "and he was so cooperative with fellow students and teachers."

Peterson said Townsend was a "great personality."

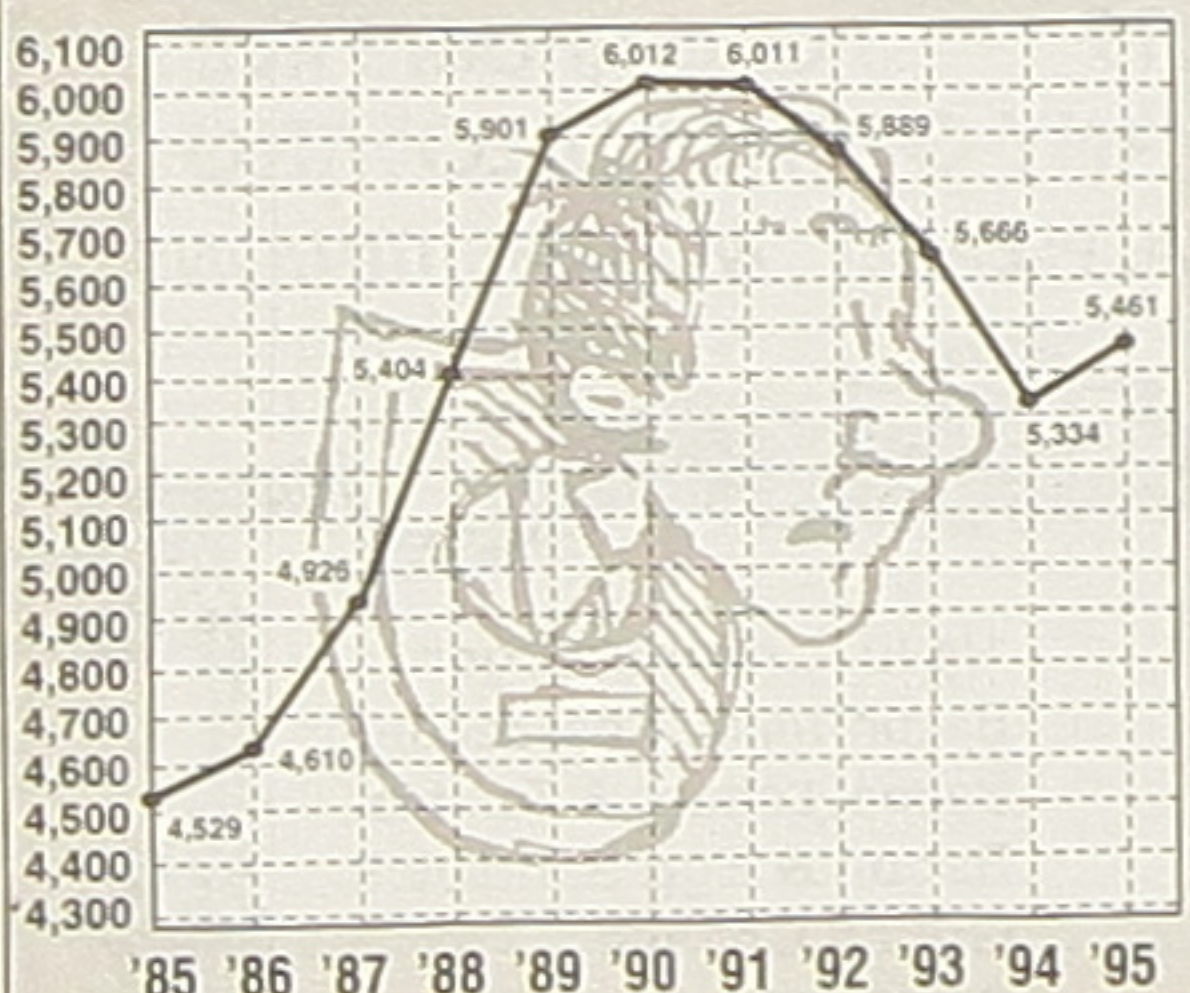
"He had such a really winning smile," he said. "It was a pleasure every time you saw him. An adjective like 'sweet' might seem totally out of place, but he was sweet on the court and off the court."

Starkweather also remembers Townsend as a good friend.

"He was very personable and very outgoing," Starkweather said. "He was the type of guy you really wanted to be around."

Services for the former Lion were held Wednesday in University City, Mo. □

Fall enrollment (past 10 years)



REGISTRATION

Enrollment up for 1st time in 5 years

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

For the first time in five years, enrollment at Missouri Southern has increased. The official numbers, which showed 5,461 students enrolled at the College for the fall semester, were released Tuesday. The increase is 2.4 percent above last year's 5,334, the lowest number of students enrolled since 1987.

College President Julio Leon said the increase was expected.

"The high school graduating class had a significant increase from the year before," he said. "The number of students expected to graduate from

high school will translate into more students [for Missouri Southern]."

"Because of the tremendous amount of spring applications we received, it appeared that we would have a large increase in numbers," he said. "We were kind of enthused about the possibilities."

Leon said the increase was not as large as expected for several reasons, including the fact that more students are now sending applications to several colleges.

In 1990, the College was thriving with a record enrollment of 6,012. Since then, however, enrollment has experienced an accelerating decline—until now.

"I don't think we tried to do any-

thing new or different than what we've done before [as far as recruiting students]," Leon said.

Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, said the increase is mostly due to the increased number of incoming freshmen.

"One of the good things is that the number of freshmen has increased from 710 to 799," Honey said.

The number of credit hours has also increased, from 60,692 in 1994 to 60,763 this year.

Leon said one focus of the College is to retain students who are already enrolled.

"The College has developed some programs designed to improve the

retention of students," he said. "We will be trying to ensure success of students so that they will return."

Students either transfer, run into family problems, or run out of money and cannot return to school, Leon said.

The number of full-time students has decreased from 3,557 to 3,525. The number of part-time students has increased to 1,936, up 159 from last year.

"All in all, it's about the same as last year," Leon said.

Leon said enrollment numbers are not a true picture of a college's stability.

"Last year, we had a record number of graduates," he said. □

KUHN HALL

Nursing program changes curriculum to cater to students

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Changes in the nursing department's curriculum have provided qualified students with the opportunity to receive a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

"Our bachelor of science degree in nursing started in 1984 and was limited exclusively to registered nurses," said Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing. "This fall, we admitted our first class of junior students."

Now, anyone who wants to obtain a nursing degree can enter the program after taking the basic core curriculum classes.

In the past, nursing students took a pre-entrance test to enter the program. Box said students now are required to take General Zoology, Human Physiology and Anatomy, Introductory Chemistry, and General and Medical Microbiology, and have a minimum 2.5 grade-point average to be eligible.

"We changed our entire philosophy, our curriculum," Box said. "We are adding a track that, to most departments, would be like having an entirely new program."

Box said the department made the change to keep up with growing trends.

"Thirty percent of 2.5 million nurses will

be employed at hospitals," she said. "The other 70 percent are starting outside hospitals. The trend is for nurses to be moving into situations where they will be autonomous with the client, wherever the client is."

Box said registered nurses now can come into the program, test out of the first 31 hours, and finish in two semesters.

"This is much more beneficial to the student," she said. "At College Orientation, at least 30 students listed nursing as their choice of majors. We've never had that before—it's a real plus."

"Honors students can now come through

the program with much more conformity to curriculum. And we've never before been able to have athletes."

Box said the Joplin community has been supportive of the changes.

"The students who graduate from this program will be licensed, registered nurses," she said. "The only negative thing I've heard is that they will have to go into a beginning-level position."

"But I don't know another profession where you start at the top. From that standpoint, nurses do have to go out and experience nursing positions where they have direct patient care."

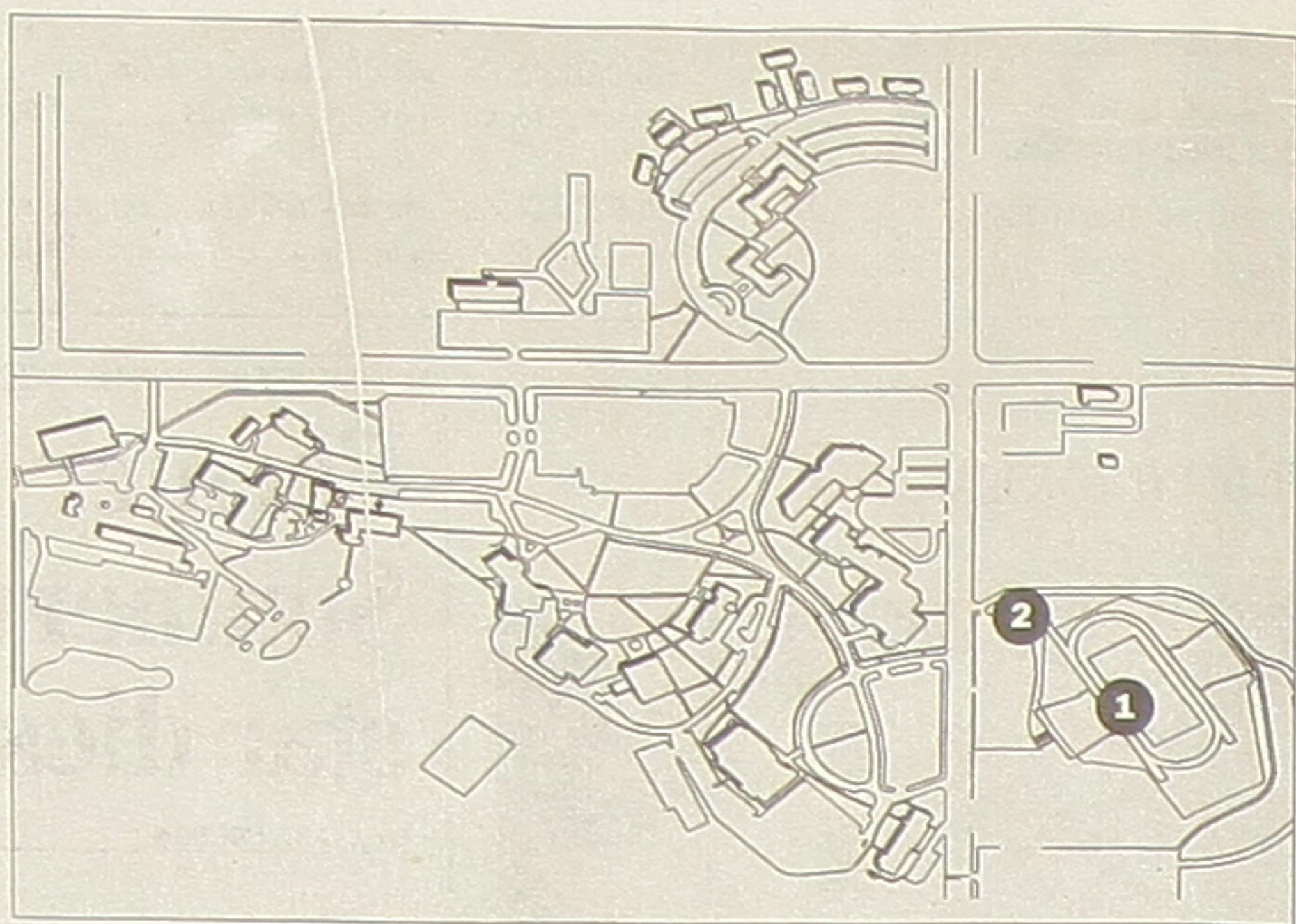
At the commencement in May 1996, the last 40 associate degree nursing students will graduate.

"They are a wonderful class," Box said. "The faculty and students have given their best efforts so they can graduate with everything they expected, and more, from the program."

Willie Shippee, as assistant professor of nursing, said the change is long overdue.

"It's something I wanted to see at Missouri Southern for the past nine years," she said. "It's like a dream come true for me because I believe in baccalaureate education for nurses." □

SECURITY REPORT



1 9/16/95 STADIUM 5:30 p.m.

Security responded to a property destruction call in reference to a damaged door knob to the president's box in the press area.

2 9/16/95 STADIUM 10:20 p.m.

A member of the Lion Pride Marching Band was transported to the hospital by JEMS ambulance after experiencing an asthma attack after the football game.

RECENT BREAK-INS

Security: crime common at beginning of semester

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

With the recent rash of car break-ins on campus, one has to wonder if there's a crime wave on the horizon at Southern.

Money, credit cards, and other items have been stolen from four cars parked on campus already this semester. Campus security, in cooperation with the Joplin Police Department, is conducting investigations at this time. The JPD is called in on all felonies. However, campus security believes there is nothing to panic about just yet.

"At the first of the year we always have these sudden little outbursts of problems," said Bill Boyer, chief of



Bill Boyer

campus security. "We either resolve them or they settle down in just a matter of two or three weeks."

Boyer advises students to follow these simple safety rules:

- Close all windows and lock all doors when you park your vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas at night.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight inside the vehicle (especially purses!).
- Activate your car alarm if you have one.
- Don't leave keys in an unoccupied car for any length of time.
- Carry your driver's license and registration with you at all times.
- Never hide your car key on or in your car.
- Try to park next to other cars.

Boyer attributes the break-ins to a number of reasons. He said students who fail to secure their vehicles are in a hurry to make it to class on time or have never experienced a theft before.

Security officer Craig Richardson has been teaching a section on cam-

pus safety as part of the College Orientation program for the last three years. He said the class covers everything from parking to rape.

"I think the students receive it real well," Richardson said. "A lot of it is common sense."

Boyer said the class offers a chance to introduce new students to some of the potential concerns about campus life.

"Any information we can give a youngster coming out of high school is definitely to their advantage," Boyer said. "And Craig is very good at putting together classes that are helpful to the students."

According to Boyer, campus security's mission is to make Southern as safe as possible through programs and patrolling.

"We are striving to work with students, faculty, and staff to make a safe environment at all times," he said. "And we take suggestions very seriously. We are always encouraging people to come forth who see things that maybe we missed." □

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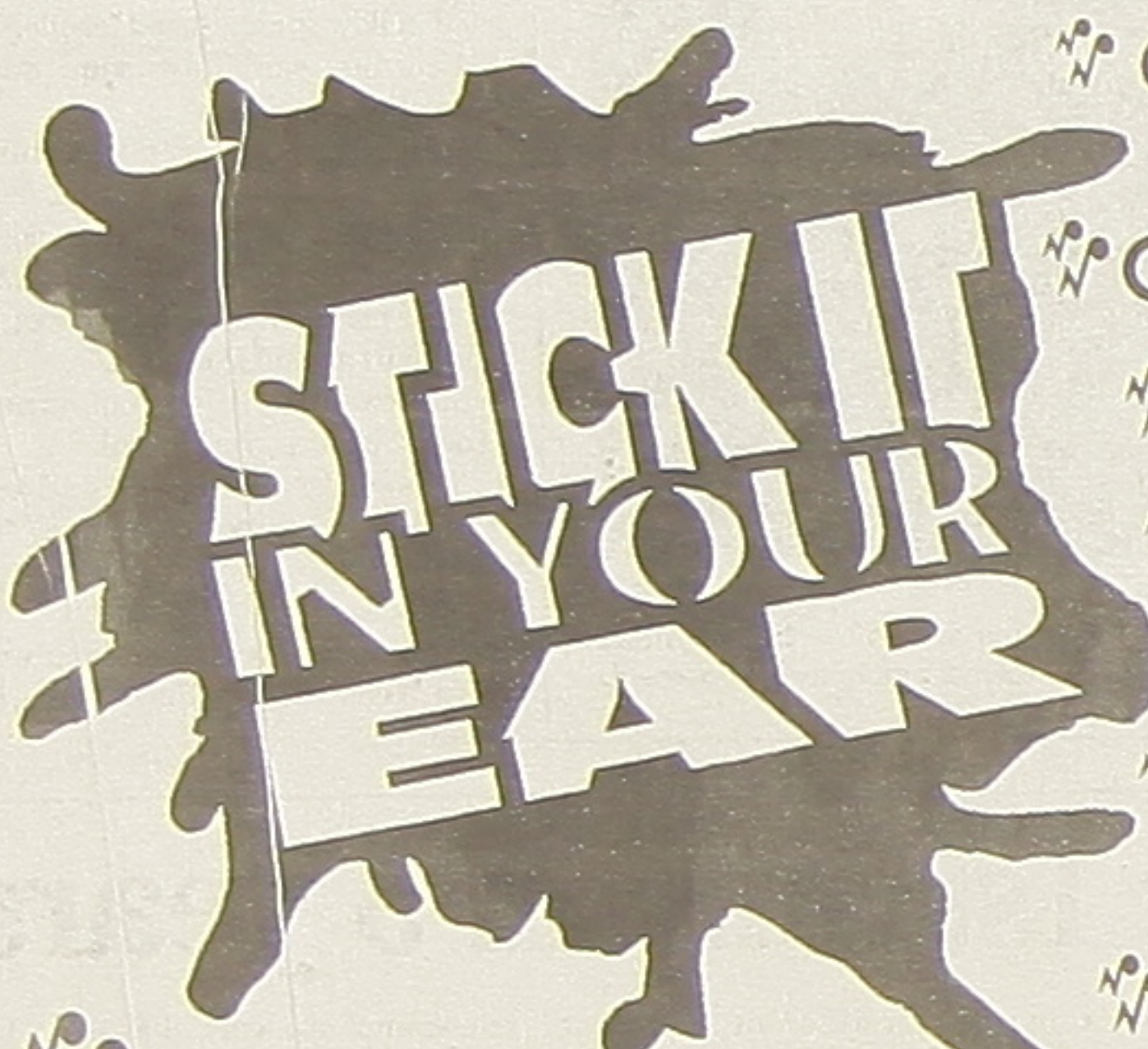
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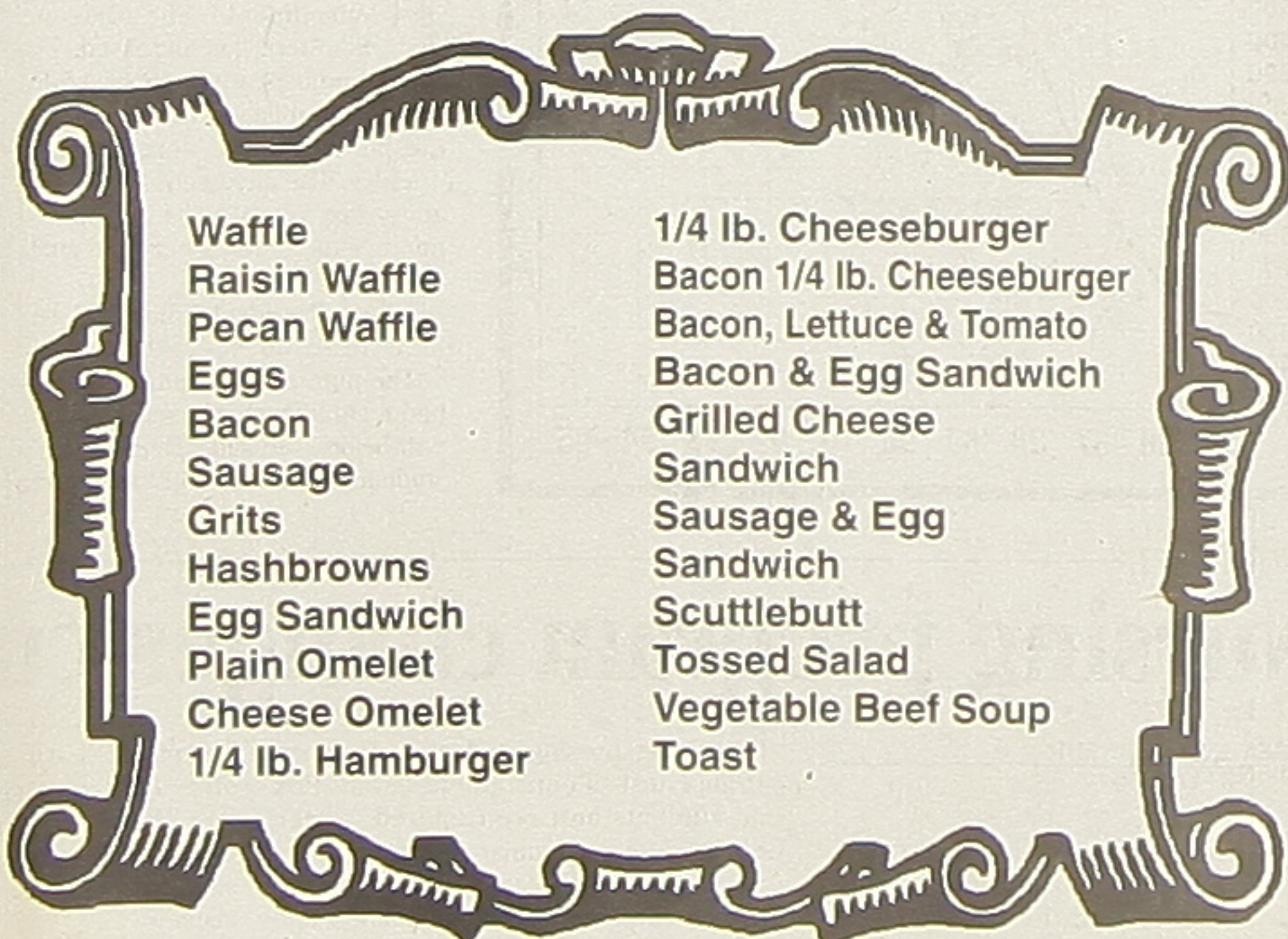


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GIFT OF LIFE DAY

Drive seeks needle-friendly students

College to feature bloodmobile, videos concerning AIDS

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Gift of Life Day, a collaboration between the Student Nurses' Association and the HIV/STD task force, will take place Monday in the Billingsly Student Center Keystone Room.

Val Carlisle, director of student activities, said the purpose of the event is to promote healthy lifestyles.

"The HIV/STD task force has the responsibility to get information on AIDS prevention and responsibility

out to the students," she said.

Marilyn Jacobs, associate professor of nursing, said the SNA had the blood drive scheduled since last year. The task force decided to combine the two activities.

"It's an excellent idea," she said. "Together, we're sponsoring the whole thing, although the student nurses will assist in the actual blood drive."

Jacobs said the Red Cross is asking for all types of blood.

"We'll plan for 100 pints, but we're hoping to double or even triple that," she said. "The community needs blood. It is always appreciative of the drive here, and we want everyone to participate. A lot of blood is paid back to young people."

The task force is sponsoring a

Top 10 reasons to give blood

1. It gets you out of class with no excuses.
2. Meet classmates in the prone position.
3. You get free food.
4. Great way to lose weight.
5. Where else can you lie down at school and the teachers don't mind?
6. It's the only way to get those "Be nice to me, I gave blood" stickers.
7. You've got more than you need anyway.
8. Great time to plan that Transylvania vacation.
9. It's a party teachers don't know about.
10. Giving blood saves lives.

contest to encourage student participation. The College Orientation class with the greatest participation will receive a pizza party, the student organization with the highest percentage of participation will receive a cash prize, and an individual donor will receive a cash prize.

"The cash awards will come from a pool donated by student organizations," Carlisle said. "We are asking them to donate 50 cents for each

member of their organization, not to exceed more than \$15.

"We will divide the pool half-and-half for the cash prizes.

Carlisle said the pool now contains around \$300, but pledges will be accepted through Friday.

Also, the task force will show several videos Monday, including *And the Band Played On*, which will be shown at noon in the BSC second-floor lounge.

Growing Up in the Age of AIDS and *Common Thread*, an AIDS quilt documentary, will be shown in the BSC stairwell throughout the day.

The Lafayette House, Planned Parenthood, Joplin AIDS Resource Center, Joplin Health Department, Midwest Organ Bank, March of Dimes, and the American Cancer Society will all set up informational booths for the students.

"It would be nice if this could grow into something," Carlisle said. "We want to make students think about how dangerous some of their actions are."

Carlisle said College Orientation classes, approximately 1,000 students, will be polled to see how the event was received.

"We're hoping to see an increase in the blood drive," she said. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Student Govt. Week to make Senate visible

In an attempt to make the Student Senate more recognizable to the student body, senators are hosting a Student Government Week Monday through Saturday.

The Senate is donating a cash dollar amount not to exceed \$250 to the blood drive on Monday, and is sponsoring a watermelon feed at 11 a.m. Tuesday on the campus oval.

Wednesday's Senate meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center Connor Ballroom, and senators are expecting a high number of students to attend.

Thursday, Rockapella will perform in Taylor Auditorium. Saturday, the senators will attend the Lions' football game against the University of Missouri-Rolla and sit as a group. □

Counselor workshop to cover AIDS crisis

Tuesday, the HIV/AIDS crisis will be the focus of a one-day workshop for area school counselors and school nurses in the Billingsly Student Center.

The Counselors' Day program will highlight what secondary education counselors and school nurses can do to educate and protect students regarding HIV and AIDS.

In addition, updates on Missouri Southern's international program, financial aid, housing, core curriculum, honors program, and other Southern programs will be presented.

Dr. Linda Caldwell, director of counseling, will welcome the area high school counselors and school nurses.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the morning session set for 9:30.

For reservations, persons may call (417) 625-9324 or 1-800-606-MSSC. □

Senior Night '95 to help recruit area high school seniors

Missouri Southern's admissions office will host Senior Night '95 on Saturday, Sept. 30.

High school seniors are invited to the event, which will begin at 5 p.m. at Fred G. Hughes Stadium. Campus tours will begin from the welcome tent at the stadium.

Those attending Senior Night '95 will be given free admission to the Southern-University of Missouri-Rolla football game at 7 p.m.

Senior Night '95 will include tours of the campus, information about financial aid and academic programs offered, and a tour of the residence halls.

To make reservations or for more information, persons may call the admissions office toll free at 1-800-606-MSSC or 625-9378. □

Homecoming festivities to include class reunion

Part of this year's Homecoming celebration will include a Joplin Junior College reunion on Oct. 27-28 for those who attended JJC from 1940-45.

Those attending the reunion will participate in a reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a Homecoming dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Friday, Oct. 27 at the Joplin Holiday Inn.

After attending the Homecoming parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 in downtown Joplin, the classes of 1940 and 1945 will be honored for their 55th and 50th reunions, respectively, at the all-alumni luncheon on campus.

Class photos will be taken after the luncheon. A special program and buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Banquet Center, 33rd and Main. Cost is \$13 per person.

Spouses, guests, and friends of anyone taking a course or attending JJC during the reunion years are invited.

For additional information, persons may contact the Southern alumni office at (417) 625-9396. □

JOPLIN WATER



Will Wooten, senior communication major, drinks from the fountain.

By BECKI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Joplin is the largest city in the state without fluoridated drinking water, but concerns over perceived health risks make its addition unlikely.

In 1960, Joplin voters rejected fluoridated drinking water. The issue almost made it to the ballot again in 1987 when the Joplin Dental Society pushed for another vote of the people.

"Due to the size of Joplin, it is unusual for us not to have fluoride in our system," said Dr. Sandra Scorse, head of Missouri Southern's dental hygiene department. "Nowadays it is more unusual for a community not to have the fluoride in the supply than to have it."

The question raised by fluoridation is whether it's a safety or money matter.

"Fluoride is one of the most toxic of all poisons and highly caustic," said Fred King, who has led the 35-year crusade against fluoridating the city's water supply on the grounds that it is a health hazard.

King said reports have shown that fluoride leads to certain types of bone cancer and can be attributed to the onset of Alzheimer's.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is the dental community, who believes there are no risks involved and only benefits.

"It's a very useful and cost-effective way to strengthen teeth in chil-

□ For decades, the Joplin community has waged a war over ...

THE PROS & CONS OF FLUORIDE

Public safety major concern for area officials, residents

dren," said Dr. Charles McGinty, a Joplin dentist. "It's a shame the people of Joplin can't benefit from the use."

McGinty said the reports of fluoride's side effects have been disproved since the research was done with extreme levels of fluoride.

The Joplin water department investigated the benefits of adding fluoride to the water supply, visiting sites in other communities which do fluoridate.

"It is not uncommon for communities not to fluoridate their water supply," said Karen Conrad, production supervisor for the Missouri American Water Company, which services the drinking water for the city and maintains the quality.

There are many reasons fluoride may be seen as more of a barrier than a benefit, Conrad said.

Fluoride for water supplies is provided in two forms, a liquid acidic or a dry powder form, she said. Conrad explained the dry powder form is purported to be hazardous and also harmful to employees. She said the liquid form of fluoride is so powerful that it has the ability to eat through concrete.

To provide fluoride in the Joplin water supply, modifications would have to be made to the facilities. The improvements to the facility could prove to be costly.

"Any new equipment for the water supply would be included in the rate base paid in each bill by Joplin residents," Conrad said.

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"Eventually any capital improving will be coming out of the company's pocket."

However, McGinty said he believes the state would provide funds for the water company to make the changes since it is in the interest of the community.

"We have not received very much response from the public with concerns about the fluoride level," Conrad said.

The level of fluoride in the city's water supply is just a natural trace element, according to Conrad, who placed the amount at .1 parts per million.

If Joplin were to add fluoride, the amount would be raised to 1 ppm.

"The use of fluoride in the water supply for dental use is not necessary," Conrad said.

Scorse thinks otherwise. "It would be very beneficial to add fluoride to the water supply," she said.

According to Scorse, although brushing with a fluoride toothpaste is beneficial, the addition of fluoride to the water supply would go beyond that.

Many of the communities surrounding Joplin do add fluoride to their water supply, Scorse said. □

J.L. Griffin, associate editor, contributed to this story.

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Karen Conrad
American Water

STUDENT SENATE

Members to dedicate tree in memory of Dr. Tate

Senate votes to fill three vacant seats

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Student Senate set out to fill three remaining seats at the beginning of last night's meeting.

Senators chose from four candidates who each received write-in votes at the recent Senate elections.

The new senators are Brian Gardner, sophomore criminal justice major; Jason Lombard, sophomore undecided major; and Zak

Kuhlman, sophomore biology major.

The candidates addressed the Senate before the vote, stating why they would like to be on the Senate.

"I think I could contribute a lot to an organization like this," Gardner said. "I'm a doer and a fixer. I didn't realize what the Senate was or what they did, and I want to explain some of my ideas."

Lombard spoke along the same lines.

"I don't think the Student Senate is seen enough by the student body," he said. "I was totally unaware of how to go about running for the Senate."

In other business, the Senate voted to donate money to the blood drive on Monday.

"SHOT (Student Health Outreach Team) and the HIV/STD awareness group are sponsoring a blood drive with the Red Cross," said John Weedn, Senate president. "In the past they have sponsored drives, and not a lot of people give blood. This is an incentive to encourage people to donate money."

"As the Senate, I would suggest giving \$100, or a nominal amount," he said.

The Senate voted to match the amount given by other organizations, with a cap of \$250.

"The Senate is supposed to donate money to benefit student activities," said sophomore senator Jason Talley. "That's our purpose."

Lydia Meadows, sophomore senator, and Clarissa Shumaker, senior senator, disagreed with the vote.

"We still want to support campus activities, but we don't have a lot of money right now for allocations," Shumaker said.

The Senate also voted to dedicate a tree to the late Dr. David Tate.

"The Senate has made a policy of donating something when a faculty member has passed," Weedn said. "In the past, we have purchased a tree. We will have it planted on

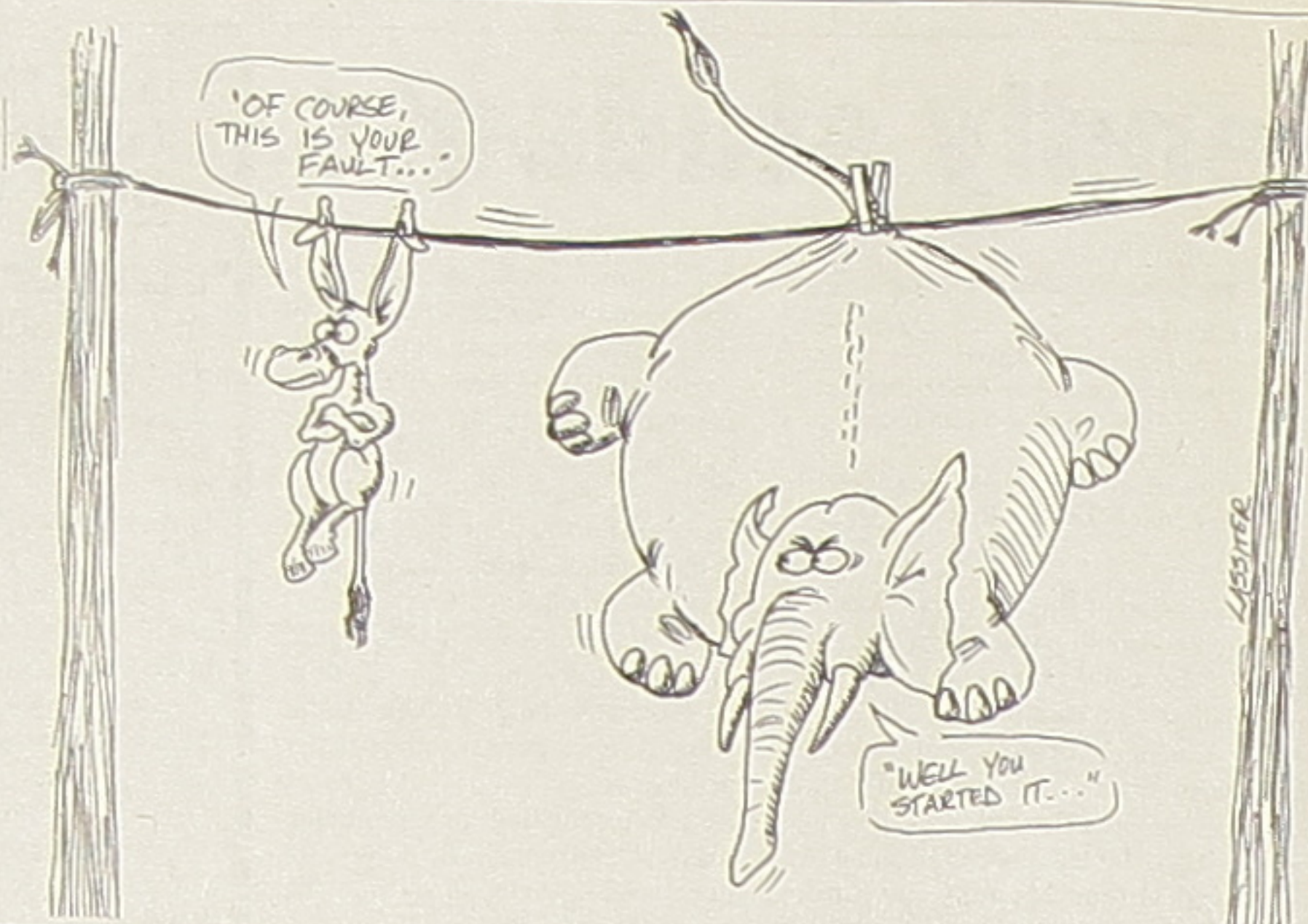
campus with a tag remembering Dr. David Tate."

The Senate's preliminary treasury balance is \$8,414, but Treasurer Holli Spencer said this total is only for the months of August and September.

"We could have as much as 12 to 15 thousand dollars after we get the second payment," she said.

The senators had a first reading of the scheduled allocation requests for next week's meeting.

Organizations requesting funds include the Kappa Alpha Order, \$1,000; Cheerleaders and Mascots, \$1,000; WISE, \$1,000; Social Science Club, \$700, and Southern Concepts, \$906. □



OUR EDITORIALS

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Fluoridated water not evil

Due to fear or ignorance, many times throughout history mankind has suffered from the effects of others who cast doubt on new ways of thinking or doing. The city of Joplin has had opportunities since the 1960s to add fluoride to its water supply. Yet because citizens, well-intentioned as they might be, belloyed their complaints saying fluoride was not only useless, but dangerous, the water supply remains fluoride free.

As the fight progressed through the next two decades, many new reports were brought out suggesting fluoride may actually cause certain types of cancer and contribute to the onset of Alzheimer's.

The claims were later rebuffed by other scientists who said the research was faulty since the levels of fluoride used on laborato-

ry rats was much higher than could possibly be used on humans.

The dental community has long touted the addition of fluoride to public water systems for the strengthening of teeth and bones.

Now comes new research saying calcium fluoride may in fact help strengthen the bones of post-menopausal women.

People have treated fluoridation like a cover-up operation by the American Dental Association. The truth is, mistakes were made in researching.

The fluoridation of water controversy erupted like the great sacharin debacle or the oat bran craze.

If communities around the country believe in fluoridation and have had no problem with it, Joplin citizens should realize their disservice to the community by not fluoridating. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

We're partied out

Our election system needs shaken up

Casey Miller
Editorial Editor



So they want a flag burning amendment. Are there really enough people out there doing this to warrant such a drastic measure? The only way I'd ever burn a flag is if this law passed. It is a check on freedom of speech and would make the flag an empty, meaningless symbol worth no more than the cloth it's printed on. I'd have a Stars and Stripes cookout on Independence Day.

How about a prayer-in-school amendment? Are you crazy? There's nothing to stop any kid in school from praying right now. You don't have to pray out loud; do it in your head. That's the way Jesus prefers it, quietly and humbly. I know because I've talked with Him personally. But an organized time for prayer? It doesn't hold much significance when a kid has to walk through a metal detector to get to class.

These amendments won't solve any problems. It's just the one of the many ways Republicans are trying to satisfy the most right-wing, loudest factions of society. They look like good things to stand for.

Everybody wants to be an extremist.

On one hand you have the liberal Democrats who seem to think there's no problem a tax can't solve and who waste our time standing up for every self-diagnosed "victim" in society. These are the guys who came up with that whole political correctness idea that is working so well and that everybody loves so much.

Political correctness. What crap! Even the words "politically correct" are just a euphemism for "false oversensitivity." We need to put an end to this watered-down language before we all become a bunch of Love Thy Neighbor, Mr. Rogers-watching freaks.

Then there's the Republicans, who are just...well, Republicans. Can they be just a little more self-righteous and arrogant? They actually believe that God is on their side. How can anybody possibly argue with that? If you're against them, you're against God. Just ask the Christian Coalition, the one-million-strong group that stands up for values and decency for all citizens. Decency as defined by them. I'll keep my values low, thank you.

God is not a liberal or conservative. He's a moderate. I know because I've talked with Him personally.

IN PERSPECTIVE

You're never too young

Grandma relives history, makes future

Virginia Shaver
Staff Writer



Grandma's not at home anymore. Well, what do you want senior citizens to do—rock for 30 years? I'd really rather attend Missouri Southern, continue to learn, and pursue a childhood dream.

At 74, I have just completed four weeks of my junior year at Southern. Other than losing my car a couple of times and having the incorrect Social Security number in the campus computer, I have done very well. I can't open my postal box yet, but I'm not expecting any love letters.

I live in the residence halls. "Amazing," they say. Why? It's a far cry from my childhood. When I was the age of these girls, my bath room facilities consisted of a No. 3 galvanized washtub and a path to a shack.

I have learned quickly that the best time for my shower is 6 a.m. I have never known how invigorating an early morning bath can be. Thus far, the noise has not bothered me. There is a chance that I'm too tired to hear it. Last night, I received a call to turn my TV down. I do hope I'm not causing delinquency.

Strangely enough, I am comfortable and feel quite at home with my easy chair, television, and Macintosh.

Who says the youth of today are "going to the dogs"? They are great and I am learning from them. A student from Ethiopia said a hundred dialects are spoken in her country and that it is virtually

impossible to have the entire country participate in any election because of the language barrier. I have learned about Peru and its financial crisis. A lovely young lady shared about her mission trips to Central America and how she made her first trip when she was 13. A freshman shared with me that she had her first date ever her first week at Southern. Now, she is really getting an education!

Some of the girls have problems and I have big ears, but I continue to learn from them. My philosophy is: you are never too young or too old to learn.

Perhaps I am naive, but I believe senior citizens have something to share with students. I have lived many years and have seen many changes.

I was born in the roaring 20s, during an oilfield boom in central Oklahoma. They told me the doctor got his buggy stuck in the mud on Main Street and that I arrived

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YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail addresses: TheChart@aol.com or HRKP31E@prodigy.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Student defends Joplin's history

I am compelled to respond to J.L. Griffin's asinine commentary last week concerning "Joplin Lacks Punch." I grew up in K.C....I am familiar with big-city life.

I wish to remind you, you chose to come to Joplin/MSSC for whatever reasons you deemed appropriate. Perhaps you should have researched this area more thoroughly. At least you wouldn't have been disappointed when you found that Joplin has a disproportionate population of bums and seedy characters.

In regards to your attendance policy in high school...who cares?

That was high school! Try skipping 84 days a year in college and see how far you get. I guarantee you will not graduate! You might make all Ds and pass every class,

but you have to have a 2.0 minimum GPA to graduate.

If your primary concern is an avid nightlife, you might just as well pack your bags and get your ass back to St. Louis where you belong. Joplin is not, nor did it ever intend to be, a party headquarters! Joplin cannot be all things to all people.

Open your mouth—insert my foot! Downtown Joplin does have a history. My grandparents, the late Clarence and Grace Megee, ran a drug store on the corner of Ninth and Main from 1935 until 1990. Her sister, Elsie McCool, and her husband, Everett, operated McCool Drug Store on the corner of Fifth and Wall from the mid-30s until the early 70s. My father, as a youth, delivered flowers for a local florist. One of his regular stops was to the mansion on campus owned by the family who made the current campus site possible through their generosity.

I humbly suggest that in your future columns (if you have any), lose the grand-standing soapbox for airing your personal problems.

If I wanted to be insulting, I could call *The Chart* a lousy downstream dirty muckraking 12-page birdcage liner rag!! But I know that it is operated by the students, for the students, and they are amateurs prone to a certain level of proficiency. I don't expect Pulitzer Prize nominations for every article.

Usurping your position to degrade Joplin shows a general lack of discretion and a total display of facetiousness.

Could you find it within yourself to focus on the College or some other pertinent issue?

Richard Shaw
Senior marketing major

Thriving metropolis does not need crime

It is near midnight as I step outside of my apartment. The yellows and reds emanating from Range Line illuminate the clouds passing overhead; a mute testimony that part of this city will never sleep. That's right, I used the word city.

Mr. Griffin's column enlightened me on several aspects of the qualifications of a "city." I never knew that a "city" had to have "bums" in order to be labeled as such. J.L., I have no idea how long you have been in Joplin, but I would like to direct your attention to a little social spot across from (ironically enough) Culture Shock and JACO on Main St. called Soul's Harbor. Try telling those people they're not homeless. Under Mr. Griffin's qualification, at least one "bum" must inhabit the town in order for it to have "personality and

history." Let's see...Mickey Mantle playing in the Joplin minors doesn't give this town a history, Bob the Street Bum does. Yes, I remember several weeks ago when Bob died and his pictures were splashed all over not only *The Joplin Globe*, but hundreds of other newspapers as well. We'll all miss Bob (sniff); now, who was that baseball guy again?

"Where is the city fun and adventure?" asks J.L. Where is the "seedy side to this city" and gunfire that make it worthy of its name? You complain that nobody gets shot at around here and that complete strangers wave at you on the street. Let me tell you something. I've been to the big cities. I've driven in Dallas at 80 mph with vehicles two feet on either side of my front and back bumpers. I've walked past prostitutes and pimps. I've been to San Francisco where if somebody looks you in the eye when you walk down the

street, you run. I've had my life threatened. And you know what? I wouldn't trade Joplin for any of those places.

Call me crazy, but I, personally, enjoy being able to step outside my apartment anytime I like. I like being able to walk down a darkened street at night. I particularly like not having to own a fancy car alarm system to protect what little I have in my car and not having to have a gun at hand at every stoplight I come to. Does a city really need crime in order to be a thriving metropolis? The Vietnamese gang shoot-out last month on Range Line is the most violent incident in a while for this small city, but certainly not the only instance of crime. J.L., walk down Moffet St. by yourself at night if you want that "city" feel. We've got your kind of "fun and adventure," Mr. Griffin. All of us thank God

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YOUR LETTERS

Confederate flag is symbol of racial hatred, slavery

Since arriving in Joplin, I have come across somewhat perceptually benign, albeit harsh and offensive rhetoric. Maybe I'm a "bleeding heart liberal" or even a "civil rights nigger" but it has become apparent to me that we, as a collective, need to reevaluate our perceptions of each other and the implications of present mind sets.

This first occurred to me when I was reading *The Chart* (Dan Wiszkon, "Historic emblem under fire," Aug. 31). He argues civil rights groups are "wasting their time with such a petty matter," and "are making a mistake by taking on the flag and its rich history (italics mine)." It seems Mr. Wiszkon doesn't understand why presenting a Confederate flag, a symbol of racial hatred and the institution of slavery, would upset African-Americans, or more importantly, why we would want it removed from public view.

Well, I can think of one reason: it's a symbol of the systemic oppression of my ancestors. If that weren't enough, I

would think, as a nation that prides itself on liberty and freedom for all, it would be something that would cast a dark shadow on the history of the country. In Germany, they don't hang flags of the Third Reich just because some people think it has a "rich" history. (Mr. Wiszkon, what's so "rich" about a symbol of the systematic exclusion of an entire people just because of the color of their skin?) I don't care if you have a Confederate flag, but that doesn't mean I want to see it and constantly be reminded that, until recently (according to some but still denied by many) African-Americans in this country didn't have the secondary citizen status we now hold. We weren't even seen as people, but as mere property to be bartered, sold, and beaten if we showed any signs of the human spirit.

Mr. Wiszkon then argues "everyone has to put up with something they don't like. Just because I don't like homosexuals... instead of whining about what could have been, more people would get along." I have a couple of problems

with this argument. The first is if you don't like to deal with homosexuals, you don't have to go to a gay bar and hang out with them. But by showing the Confederate flag over the Georgia Dome in Downtown Atlanta or the Montgomery Capitol Dome, I have to remember that, even though some make the argument we've achieved much, it's still OK to isolate and exclude an entire race of people. Hang them in your bars, on your wall as decoration, but don't subject me to your longing for the good ol' days.

The second problem I have with this argument is where he says people should accept what life deals them. Last I checked, one of the concepts that makes this country "great" was our ability to protest (whine) if we didn't feel as if we were being represented properly. I personally didn't live in Montgomery, but I have lived in Atlanta and know that, when the 1996 Summer Olympics arrive, the Confederate flag on top of the Georgia Dome will represent (to me) that this country

not only isn't ashamed of the historic shadows cast by slavery, but in its own way is proud enough to leave a symbol of oppression for all to see.

This argument also implies a mind set that America has been making about African-Americans since they could call us "niggers" to our face and not have to worry. It implies that, when the peace needs to be maintained, that we, as people, should just sit back, be quiet and let other people decide our fate. That has happened more than once, beginning with the "selling out" of black people as "property" in the context of the U.S. Constitution and marching its way through the rest of our history. You would think that we, as a people, were asking for a chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage. All we ask for is reciprocity; we just want to be receive the "rights" and "opportunities" you demand for yourselves.

Doug Dennis
Freshman undecided major

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around here that it doesn't come knocking on our doorsteps like other places.

I'm not going to argue with you much on the food point, though I must say your speedometer is broken on your car. A Mercantile ATM is two miles from the dorms, and Shoney's is only one more after that. Granted, only a few restaurants stay open all night around here and slightly more are open until 2 a.m.

Only one nightclub in town? I'm not even 21 and I can think of three right off the top of my head (Cadillac Ranch, The Lion, and Backstage). The telephone books lists six. Where in the world have you been, J.L.? So high schoolers cruise. Would you rather have them at a party getting drunk or engaging in sex? I'm so sorry if our town youth offends you by showing themselves on Main and trying to have a good time while you're out.

Joplin does have its drawbacks. Yes, I would enjoy watching the "X-Files" at 8 Friday night like most everybody else in North America. But at least we get the Sci-Fi Channel. J.L.—evidently you've had to live here a while to be an associate editor of *The Chart*, but if you don't like a place just because you can't get a crushed ice drink labeled a "Slurpee," then maybe you should go back to St. Louis. Call me before you go, I'll let you borrow my rifles.

Jerry Jones
The Undergrowth staff member,
Sophomore theatre major

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in the back of my mother's boarding house before he got there. My aunt, who delivered me, never let me forget it.

I have been an eyewitness to history. I know about the old one-room school where all eight grades met. I lived with my grandfather, who was a water boy in the Civil War. I sat with him in the shade of an old elm tree as he told me war stories. My mother told me about my uncle, who was killed in Germany during World War I. I lived through hardships of the Great Depression, misnamed by historians because there was nothing great about it. During that time, I had the privilege of shaking hands with President Herbert Hoover. The occasion was a vaudeville show where the girls showed their "pantaloon" in a dance my mother described as "scandalous." Mother almost fainted, but my sister and I were delighted at the new trend.

How vivid is my memory of being left

with three small children during World War II while my husband served his country in the Marine Corps.

I have seen modes of transportation change from horse and buggy and Model-T Fords to spacecraft.

There are the smaller events like the day we bought our first refrigerator. It was propelled by kerosene. Neighbors gathered around to watch it freeze "real ice." They opened the door so often it wouldn't freeze, but after a night's "rest" it produced. They all came back and had a celebration; we danced far into the night.

I remember well the first radio in the community. It was owned by neighbors and had two sets of earphones. One night I took my aged grandfather to listen to a Joe Louis boxing match. The knockout came when someone other than grandfather had the earphones. The blue smoke rolled. The following week, we owned a new Philco. With the radio, came President Franklin D.

Roosevelt's "fireside chats" and my favorite, "Lum and Abner."

In the 30s the telephone came to rural America. Eavesdropping was our favorite pastime. Our number was two longs and a short. When electricity came to farm homes, it was nothing short of a miracle. We threw away our old lamps and could even read at night. It was another occasion for a neighborhood get-together.

For many years, my mother traded two fat hens for *The Joplin Globe*. I read it word for word to my blind grandfather. Perhaps that was where I got my desire for learning. We talked about the events happening around the world—talk about quality time!

In the early 50s, we bought our first television. Again, the neighbors gathered to watch the St. Louis Cardinals and Missouri's favorite sons, the Boyers. The screen was covered with snow. We never saw a player, but occasionally we got so excited when we saw the ball fly across the

picture. We could hear the announcer and we were happy with the "great" new invention.

Yes, I think non-traditional students have much to share with our youth. But my message to seniors is to stay busy. We are the largest segment of our population and we need to stay active. Young adults are caring the burden of the high cost of Medicare and professional nursing homes. College is not for everyone, but it meets a great need in my life.

I have been treated with courtesy and kindness at Southern. I admire the way administration and faculty treat students. Tuesday, I saw President Julio Leon hobnobbing with the freshmen at an ice cream social. (Being on *The Chart* staff gave me an excuse to go.) The instructors in my classes are fantastic. Other than being a great teacher, one of them is a much better comic than Jay Leno or David Letterman and 10 times as much fun as watching a

soap, which I would be watching if I were at home.

My only difficulty at Southern was with enrollment. I came to the campus last spring to enroll for the fall semester. I was told that those attending through the Sixty Plus program could not enroll until everyone else had enrolled. Enrollment for senior citizens was held the day after classes began. Many classes are closed by that time. Usually, the syllabus is reviewed and rules and expectations are discussed on the first day, which seniors have to miss.

A young student asked, "Why can't you enroll early?" I don't know. "Isn't this discrimination?" I don't know.

Perhaps if I were young, militant, and rebellious, I would find out. I will leave this problem for the next generation whose grandmas may want to enroll in the space program instead of Southern.

I'm just happy to be here and pursue my dream. □

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9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Social Science Club Book Sale, Webster Hall 223
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
KOINONIA Campus Ministries, Basement of Residence Hall B
12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.—
Psychology Club meeting Room 123
12:20 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.—
Model United Nations Club meeting, Webster Hall Room 205
5:30 p.m.—
BSU "TNT" Topic: Series on Prayer (Part 2)
7 p.m.—
Modern Communications Club picnic, basement of Residence Hall B
Dusk—
Free movie for students at the Webb City Drive-In, Star Gate, sponsored by CAB

Friday 22

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Social Science Club Book Sale, Webster Hall 223

Sunday 24

9:30 a.m.—
Bible Study, behind the residence halls

Monday 25

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—
Gift of Life Day, Blood Drive, Organ Donor cards, Sexual responsibility and decision making, videos: And the Band Played On, Common Threads, an AIDS quilt documentary, sponsored by the MSSC HIV/STD Task Force
7 p.m.—
BSU Bible Studies, behind the residence halls

Tuesday 26

11 a.m.—
Student Senate Watermelon Feed, Campus Oval
Noon—
Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, BSC Room 306
3 p.m.—
National Broadcasting Society-AERho meeting, Webster Hall, Studio B
7:30 p.m.—
International Film Festival: Tom Benton's Missouri, Matthews Hall Auditorium

Wednesday 27

12 p.m. to 12:50—
BSU "Luncheoncounter"
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—
Free and confidential HIV testing by Joplin City Health Department, Kuhn Hall, Room 301, call 625-9323 for more information
4 p.m.—
Phi Eta Sigma meeting, BSC 306
5:30 p.m.—
Student Senate meeting, Connor Ballroom

If you have an event you would like listed on the Campus Events Calendar, please call Fekadu at The Chart 625-9311.

KUHN HALL

HIV testing available on campus

By FEKADU KIROS
CAMPUS EDITOR

The myth that AIDS is a gay disease is no more. In fact, college students are probably one of the highest risks for HIV, said Julia Foster, campus nurse.

Free and confidential HIV testing is available on campus through the Joplin City Health Department. The process to get tested is fairly simple, Foster said.

Students first have to call the student health office and leave a first name (it can be a fictional name), make an appointment, come to the health office to fill a risk assessment form that will be turned in to the state, then get tested. The test is confidential, and Southern will have no record of the student's HIV status.

Since the start of the testing program last fall, the number of the students tested has

increased, Foster said.

"Testing is important because the sooner you know the less possibility of transmission of the disease and also the sooner you can get treatment," she said.

"Their quality of life can be maintained for a longer period of time," Foster said. "If they go without being tested, they may be victims to the other opportunistic infections that HIV people get such as tuberculosis and yeast infections."

AIDS is the leading cause of death in people ages 25 to 44, and many of these people are being infected in their teens, Foster said.

In 1991, one in 500 college students was found to be infected by HIV. If this infection rate is projected to the 12.5 million college students, it would mean that 25,000 are infected, Foster said.

"I think college students are in a high-risk

category," she said. "For the most part they aren't going to be tested unless they are ill. The statistics show that many college students have multiple partners, and that increases the risk of being infected with HIV."

The heterosexual population being infected with HIV is on the rise, Foster said. Women have the highest HIV infection rate.

"In Missouri there are certain groups that are considered high-risk groups," she said. "College students are not considered in that category. I feel that is unfortunate. I believe it is because they are not being tested. I think that the more they are being tested, the more the awareness will go up."

An HIV/STD task force is in existence on campus to educate students on AIDS. Questions on testing and appointments to get tested can be arranged by calling 625-9323. □

HIV infections in Missouri

AGE	YEAR TO DATE	CUMULATIVE Through June 30, 95
<13	6(01.8%)	36(01.1%)
13-19	12 (03.6%)	149 (04.4%)
20-29	109 (32.0%)	1,421 (42.2%)
30-39	140 (14.7%)	1,279 (38%)
40-49	49(14.7%)	374 (03.3%)
>49	17(05.1)	110 (03.3%)
TOTAL	333	3,369

DANCE WITH ME



Dana Crawford of The Earth Tones (far right) entertains a member of the crowd who gathered to hear the band play Thursday at noon in front of the BSC. The concert was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

GREEK LIFE

Kappa Alpha leases property

By RONNA SPARKS
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern's Kappa Alpha Order has recently acquired a piece of commercial property.

The chapter is leasing property on the corner of Florida and Buchanan to be used in a variety of capacities.

"The actual piece of property is zoned as commercial," said Dr. John Knapp, associate professor of geophysics and Kappa Alpha adviser, "so they have no restrictions in terms of Joplin city laws."

Although the building, temporarily named the "Kappa Alpha Lodge," is not actually a house, it is controlled technically by the chapter's housing association, he said.

"It is actually a private person who owns the building," Knapp

said. "The way it works is that he owns the building and the alumni association forms what's called a housing corporation."

The purpose of the arrangement is to protect the chapter from mortgages and still allow the active chapter the freedom of having a building open to it anytime.

While the lease allows Kappa Alpha freedom with the building, it also requires less of the owner's responsibility.

"Most minor maintenance as far as fixing up the property, making it more presentable, is the responsibility of the active chapter," Knapp said.

The maintenance is important because the house is in a commercial district and can be seen by the public.

"They also view it as an advertisement," Knapp said. "That's a highly

traveled area, and they have a nice sitting."

The active chapter's present responsibility is landscaping work and focusing on the building, which is actually an abandoned car lot, but grander plans are in the future for the property.

"I think there is probably some desire to build a larger building there," Knapp said.

While the two-room structure is rather constricting for the chapter, it doesn't foresee a 60-room fraternity house as being fit for the area either.

"There may be a pseudo-fraternity house, in the sense that it's something designed around the dorm apartments," Knapp said.

Persons who have landscaping materials or tools they wish to donate may contact Knapp at Ext. 9720. □

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Foreign students help shrink world

Members create diversity, eager to share culture

By FEKADU KIROS
CAMPUS EDITOR

It is not at all unusual to have 14 people from 14 different countries in one place at a time at Missouri Southern. That is if one happens to attend the International Club meetings.

The club, open to all students, faculty, and staff, holds as its purpose the enhancement of diversity on campus, said Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and adviser of the club.

It provides an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff on campus who are interested in different countries to get together to learn about the different countries students come from and to enjoy some social events held by the club.

The club enhances Southern's international mission by internationalizing the campus life aside from classrooms, Schmidt said.

"People have begun to appreciate the diversity and the wonderful new things they can learn from people from other cultures," Schmidt said. "Since it is not really an academic part, I think it has kind of set the stage where people can appreciate the other aspect of having an international campus."

Although the club was small last year, the number of members has increased, said Jerome Wan, a sophomore business major from Hong Kong.

Wan said the club is a good way to meet people and make them feel part of the College.

"International students also include the U.S.," Wan said. "We can learn from them and they can learn from us."

He said people living in the Midwest have little exposure to those from other countries.

Southern's international students provide the opportunity for Joplin to have an interaction and to experience the beliefs and customs of other cultures.

"The world is getting small and people cannot avoid having to interact with international people," Wan said. "No matter what profession you get into you will have to deal with international people."

The club is active on campus and does things like an international food festival and participates in Homecoming by having displays.

"I think it is a wonderful opportunity for American students," Schmidt said. "Where else could you meet people from 14 different countries all in one place in Joplin?"

"This is a rare opportunity to learn about the world."

The club has a meeting Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in the basement of Residence Hall B. □

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YOUNG REPUBLICANS

Club busy recruiting, aims to double members

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Young Republicans of Missouri Southern has been recruiting heavily this year in an attempt to make itself more than twice as large as in recent years.

Dan Lee, in his second semester as chairman of the Young Republicans, said the group's goal is to have 50 members within the year. But the organization has some work to do, evidenced by those present at the group's meeting Tuesday afternoon.

"We had about 20 members at the meeting and another 10 that didn't show up," Lee said. "So we have about 30 members right now."

At the meeting, the group was visited by Dan Wadlington from Congressman Mel Hancock's office.

"We mainly just discussed what was going on in Washington [D.C.]," Lee said. "It was pretty interesting."

Charles Nodler, archivist/reference librarian, is the adviser for the Young Republicans. Nodler said the group is involved in more than politics.

"Obviously, we're not just interested in politics," he said. "We sponsor barbecues and even had a bake sale to try and raise money for the flood relief. We also sponsored John Ashcroft in the last election."

Nodler said the group helps candidates by spreading paraphernalia.

"We hand out brochures and put up yard signs—that kind of stuff," he said.

The Young Republicans has had other guests speak at the College, something Nodler said is healthy.

"It gets them closer to some of the people involved in politics," he said.

The Young Republicans and the Young Democrats don't often work together, Lee said.

But they have had instances where the organizations have teamed up nicely.

"We've had a voter registration drive that we worked on together that went pretty

good," Lee said. "I'm not opposed to [working with the Young Democrats]. We even talked about bringing in a political comedian."

Lee said the group is rarely influenced by faculty or the administration.

"We are almost exclusively a student-run organization," he said. "The adviser is mostly there to make sure we stay within the rules of the College."

Controversy has abounded toward the organization because of some of the recruiting techniques it uses, mostly signs posted around campus, according to Lee.

"You can't do anything without offending someone," he said. "The intent was not to offend."

Lee said the experience gained by his involvement in the organization is priceless.

"I've met a lot of people and learned a lot of things," he said. "I'm going to look back on this someday and realize how much it helped me with my career." □

THEATRE DEPARTMENT

New York theatre trip set for spring

One hour credit available from continuing education

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

For the eighth year, the theatre department and the continuing education office will offer a trip to New York in the spring to see Broadway shows.

"This is a theatre trip primarily," said Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre. "New York is the heart of theatre in the country."

"So if you're going to see theatre at its peak, New York is the place to go."

This year, show tickets will not be

purchased in advance, as in the past.

"If we purchase tickets the day of the show, we can get them for half price," Fields said.

The people can then choose the shows they want to see instead of what the group wants, he said.

"There's no sense in getting 35 tickets, paying \$70 a ticket, and having people not wanting to see that show," he said.

Also, the half-price ticket booth is close to the hotel where the Southern group will stay, Fields said.

"They can walk down there, stand in line for 45 minutes, get the tickets they want, and at half price," he said.

"So what's the point of putting the ticket price into the package? It makes no sense to me."

Fields said people can't find a

cheaper way to go to New York.

"Because we are a state school, we get out of many of the taxes," he said.

State, city, and room occupancy taxes on the hotel rooms would add up to 22 percent a night. This would be a savings of more than \$100 per room for the week.

After the trip, participants can receive one hour of continuing education credit.

"They will have to fill out an academic petition to have it counted as one hour of credit," said Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education.

This will be a credit/non-credit course because participants will receive credit, but it will not affect their accumulated average, he said.

From March 15-23, the group will

stay at the Edison Hotel, in the heart of the theatre district.

"It's an old hotel where they have spent time and money getting it renovated," Fields said. "The lobby was used in the filming of *Bullets Over Broadway*, and they have used the rooms on the 'Seinfeld' show."

There is also a European atmosphere in the hotel, he said.

"The French, Germans, and British have also seemed to have found this hotel," Fields said. "Also, people in the Broadway shows and other notables have lunch there."

In prior trips, Fields has seen Sting, Matthew Broderick, Peggy Cass, and Jackie Mason.

In order to get reservations at a group rate, they need to be made as soon as possible. A \$200 deposit will hold the reservations with the hotel,

but will not be refundable.

Sight-seeing tours will include the World Trade Center, New York Stock Exchange, Statue of Liberty, lunch at Tavern on the Green, high tea at the Plaza Hotel, the Guggenheim Museum, the Metropolitan Museum, and shopping at Macy's, Saks, Trump Towers, F.A.O. Schwartz, and the Warner Brothers store. Other trips are available.

"Some people have already asked to see Chinatown, and we might do that," Fields said. "We spent an afternoon there last year, and I really enjoyed that day."

The package would cost \$1,055 for a single room, \$791 for a double, \$701 for a triple, and \$656 for a quad, in four installments from now until Feb. 1. □

KXMS RADIO

Station increases service to listeners

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

For classical music fans, a new service was added to KXMS, Missouri Southern's 24-hour classical music station.

The station installed a fax-on-demand service to provide listeners with program listings and more information about selections played.

"Radio listeners do not generally consult program guides as do viewers of television," said Jeff Skibbe, station manager of KXMS. "Therefore the primary reason for consulting printed material is to access specific title and label information that can be used to purchase the music. Fax-on-demand will facilitate such a need."

People have already called in to use the service, he said, without many

difficulties. KXMS is still adding to the service.

"Radio is a big service industry, and our program is service-oriented," Skibbe said. "This will be just another way that we can serve our customers."

The new service will be different from other program listings in many ways.

"Unlike traditional printed program listings," Skibbe said, "fax-on-demand provides a more timely service with fewer errors in a format more likely to be useful to those listeners who have access to fax machines."

A phone blaster card on Skibbe's computer makes the service possible.

Persons may use the service by calling 625-9678, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday. □

IN YOUR EAR MUSIC CD REVIEWS

Slow groove accents Peppers' new sound

By RICK ROGERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As the past few years have flown by and alternative music has seemed to grow out of its element, one particular band has been missing—the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

From the early beginnings of the band's Los Angeles club days in 1984, to wearing nothing but socks on their penises and huge giant light bulbs on their heads during certain live performances, the Red Hot Chili Peppers has become one of popular music's most interesting and unusual bands.

But it has not been an easy ride for the four-man band from California. Lead singer Anthony Kiedis and bass player Flea have been the only constants throughout the group's 11-year career.

Current lead guitarist Dave Navarro signed on with the group after leaving his former band, Jane's Addiction.

In a recent MTV interview, Kiedis said the influence of Navarro is present in the Red Hot Chili Peppers' new release, "One Hot Minute." Kiedis said Navarro's sound is deeper and soulful than the band's guitarist in the past and that fans may be surprised with the group's new direction.

But don't worry, the change is good, and the band still features sounds we all became accustomed to on the group's multi-platinum hits, "Blood, Sugar, Sex, Magic" and "Mother's Milk."

But even on the first track, "Warped," I noticed how much darker the band's sound had become. The hallowed lyrics of Kiedis, which were detailed by awesome echoing sound effects, made "Warped" a perfect be-



ginning to the band's new era.

Some old-school Red Hot Chili Peppers peeps out on tracks seven and nine, "One Big Mob" and "Falling Into Grace."

On "One Big Mob" the band goes back to its roots of rap vocals intertwined with speed funk, but mellows out during the middle of the song, which could put you in a trance if you're not careful.

"Falling Into Grace" features some of the best rhythm work on the 13-song release by the band's bassist Flea and drummer Chad Smith, who takes this song into a slow, rhythmic funk the Red Hot Chili Peppers are famous for.

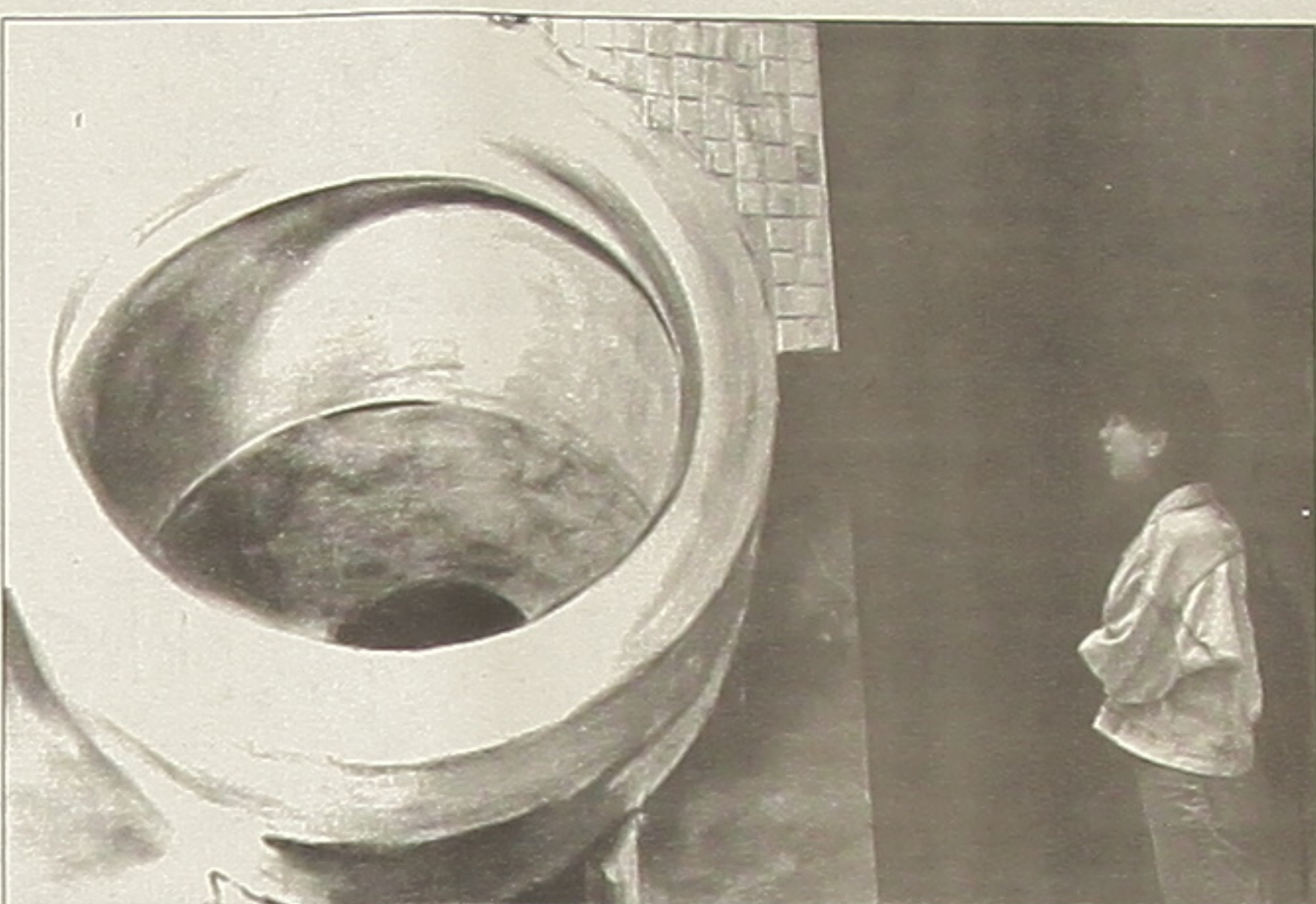
"One Hot Minute" has many other songs which are worth digging in your wallet for, like "Aeroplane," "Deep Kick," "Walkabout," and "Transcending."

It has been four years in the making, but I think "One Hot Minute" was worth the wait. Even with the band's "new sound," I still could not see an extreme change in any sort of obscure musical direction.

It's your normal, abnormal-underwear-clad Red Hot Chili Peppers. □

•CDs provided by *Stick It In Your Ear Records*.

ART LEAGUE



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Tiffany Caywood, sophomore art education major, ponders Jorge Leyva's 1993 mixed media work, 'Silent Sounds of Still Water.' The work will be on display through Sept. 22 at Spiva Art Gallery.

Leyva lectures on exhibition

By MICHAEL DAVISON
ARTS EDITOR

In response to questions about his works, Jorge Leyva answered the question many patrons have about his current exhibit: "Why a big toilet?"

"Why not?" was his response. "You are always using that poor toilet," he said. "When is that toilet going to overpower you? That is why it is so big."

In a lecture sponsored by the Art League Tuesday, Leyva, an alumnus whose works are on exhibit until Friday at Spiva Art Gallery, talked about his art and how he has responded to critics.

"Being a critic doesn't mean criticizing something," he said.

"It can be used in a constructive way, but you can never be constructive if you criticize and make all sound negative."

"Listening to you (members of the Art League) will help me more than reading what they say in the newspapers because there is a certain amount of honesty that you don't find when you read a review."

Tom Edwards, graduate art student, said people who had never sculpted before criticized one of his sculptures.

"I was trying to sculpt a sensuous woman who was flowing, pretty, and attractive," he said.

"What they saw there was something entirely different."

At one point, Leyva asked the 22 Art League members how many were art majors. All were.

"Then I expect questions because one of the most important things I learned from grad school was that if you don't ask any questions, you will be dead there and nobody will care about what you do," he said.

Artists should learn at all times, Leyva said, adding it's not wrong to ask questions.

"It's like men driving," he said. "We don't pull over to ask directions. I get lost because I don't pull over to ask questions."

"I found out that I can get to where I'm going faster and easier if I get out and ask questions."

Getting to where he is going as an artist has not always been easy for Leyva.

"Throughout my career in art, I've always wondered where I was going," he said.

"It took me a long time to figure out that art is what I wanted to do."

"I was very serious from the beginning, but it was a different kind of seriousness." □

AREA CONCERTS

Daredevils to invade Red Oak II

Hillbilly rockers play at Carthage Sept. 30

By KEVIN COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Antique authenticity is the setting for the Ozark Mountain Daredevils when they kick off their concert year playing their distinct style of hillbilly rock at Red Oak II on Saturday, Sept. 30.

"They haven't played this area for about two years," said Carl McLaughlin of Midnytte Productions, promoter of the show. "This is kind of a coming home for them, and Red Oak just screams Daredevils."

The Daredevils' self-titled debut album, with their first hit single "If You Wanna Get to Heaven," was released in 1973. McLaughlin was listening to the CD as he was selling tickets at Red Oaks last week.

The Daredevils released a European album in 1991 which has yet to be released in the U.S. and according to McLaughlin, they have been working in the studio.

Nine members made up the original Springfield-based band. Some have come and gone, and some still make appearances.

"Soup will be here," McLaughlin said, "also John Dillon and Steve Cash, and they've got a new drummer. But you never know about these guys, because they're local; this is their backyard."

"It wouldn't surprise me if some past Daredevil members were to show up. They like playing at home."

The band averages 150-160 shows a year. Some are bar appearances, but Red Oak II will be one of their bigger productions, McLaughlin said.

Outrider, a country-rock band from Monett, will open for the Daredevils. They have played on the Travis Tritt show and have won several awards.

The second band scheduled to appear will be the Blues Blasters, a band from Joplin that has been playing local clubs.

"This is not a party, or just a band playing," McLaughlin said, "although there will be a beer garden up by the stage. This is a fully choreographed show."

Lynyrd Skynyrd's former stage manager is directing the show. The Grand Palace is providing assistance with lighting and pyrotechnics, and Cowboy Productions from Springfield is doing the sound.

The show will be presented in a 40-acre field next to Red Oak II. McLaughlin estimated its full seating capacity to be around 6,600, but 5,000 will be considered a sellout.

He hopes Missouri Southern students would come and see the show. They just have to look for the lights.

"The light show is going to be unbelievable," he said. "Probably the best this area has seen in years."

"They're supposed to have smoke and fog and searchlights. The last I heard, about 800 lights are involved in the show."

Red Oak II is located 1.5 miles east of Kellogg Lake, outside of Carthage. Visitors should turn left on farm road No. 12 and follow the signs. Gates will open at 6 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. They can be purchased at Stick It In Your Ear, Four Seasons Sports Complex, and at Red Oak II. □

SIGHTS Sounds & so on

ON CAMPUS

Southern Theatre
417-625-3190
October 18, 19, 20, 21—The Fourposter.
Dec. 2, 3—The Secret Garden.
Matthews Hall Auditorium
Sept. 26—Tom Benton's Missouri.
Oct. 10—End of Innocence.
Oct. 24—Late Spring.
Nov. 14—Au Hasard Balthazar.
Nov. 28—Three.
Spiva Art Gallery
Now until Sept. 22—Jorge Leyva-paintings, John Good-ceramics.
Webster Hall Auditorium
Sept. 28—Bach Chamber Soloists lecture/demonstration.
Oct. 19—Senior Recital: Rob Lundien, baritone horn and Craig Smith, trumpet.

JOPLIN

The Bypass
624-9095
Oct. 6—Limbo Cafe and Walking on Einstein.
Oct. 7—W. C. Clark Champs Bar and Grill 782-4944
Sept. 22-23—Solace.
Sept. 29-30—Night Train.
The Grind
784-7999
Sept. 23—The Missionaries.
Sept. 29—Big Bad Chuba.
Sept. 30—Love Janis.
George A. Spiva Center for the Arts
623-083
Now till Oct. 1—Area collections, which includes private collections of area citizens. Artists included are Rembrandt, Pissarro, Henry Moore, Chagall, Salvador Dali, Alexander Calder, Shami, Leonard Baskin, and Leroy Neiman.
Joplin Little Theatre
623-3638
Sept. 26-Oct. 1—Damn Yankees.

CARTHAGE

Red Oaks II
Sept. 30—Ozark Mountain Daredevils.
Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre
417-358-9665
Oct. 19-21; 27-29—The Whales of August.
Nov. 30; Dec. 1-2; 8-10—Little Women.

SPRINGFIELD

Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts
1-800-404-3333
Oct. 1—Maureen McGovern.
Oct. 10-12—Fiddler on the Roof.
Oct. 14—Sleeping Beauty.
Nov. 11-12—Five Guys Named Moe.
Nov. 19—Cleo Laine and John Dankworth.
Hammons Student Center
417-836-7678
Sept. 21—Chicago.
Springfield Art Museum
417-866-2716
Sept. 23—Neil Blaine exhibition opens.
Springfield Ballet
417-862-1343
Oct. 7-8—Peter Pucci Dancers.
Dec. 20-23—The Nutcracker.

KANSAS CITY

Sandstone Amphitheatre
Sept. 26—Eton John (Sold Out).
Memorial Hall
816-931-3330
Oct. 1—Soul Asylum with Matthew Sweet.
Oct. 24—Ozzy Osbourne.
Spencer Theatre, Center for the Performing Arts
816-235-2700 or 235-2704
Missouri Repertory Theatre
A Delicate Balance.
UMKC Theatre
816-235-2700 or 235-2704
Oct. 1—Fifth of July.
Oct. 20, 22, 26, 28, 29—Two Gentlemen of Verona.
Oct. 21, 22, 25, 27, 28—Reckless.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Webb City sets law restricting beer sales

A distinction between the sale of intoxicating and non-intoxicating beer near schools, churches and hospitals in Webb City is now on the books.

Previous to a recent city council meeting, the statute regarding beer sales didn't allow for non-intoxicating beers. Non-intoxicating is considered the 3.2 percent alcohol type of beer, while intoxicating is 5 percent.

The ordinance restricted intoxicating beer sales to 300 feet, while making no distinction between the two types.

With the new addition, the non-intoxicating beer is also restricted to 300 feet.

According to city officials, the ordinance just clarifies beer sales' laws for anyone wanting to open a business serving alcohol. □

Baxter Springs police receive new items

With three unanimous decisions, the Baxter Springs City Council recently allowed the town's police department to purchase new radios and shoulder emblems, and seek bids for a new copy machine.

The radios are hand-held walkie-talkies, and the police requested seven new ones.

The money to purchase the equipment will come from the department's drug forfeiture fund. The four old radios will be given to the town's street and water departments.

Two hundred shoulder emblems will be ordered for the police also, at a cost of \$300.

The council also accepted the police committee's recommendation to seek bids for a new copy machine for the police headquarters. □

Sewer work planned with block grant funds

Pierce City's sewer system looks a few steps closer to reaching all citizens with the renegotiation of a contract with an engineering firm from Springfield by the Pierce City city council.

E.T. Archer, the engineering firm, is contracted to do design work for Pierce City on the town's sewer system. As the lines are now, some don't reach parts of the town.

A bond issue of \$400,000, passed in April by voters, and a \$491,000 Community Development Block Grant will pay for the services to the lines and the plant.

Also at the meeting, the council hired Ann Black as the grant administrator. Black will oversee spending of the CDBG money. □

St. John's to offer bereavement classes

Classes dealing with the loss of a loved one will be offered by St. John's Regional Medical Center's Hospice in Joplin.

The bereavement classes will be held for five Thursdays starting Oct. 5 and ending Nov. 2. Classes will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Mercy Conference Center, Room 4.

The program is targeted for individuals in the four-state region who have lost someone close to them in the past year.

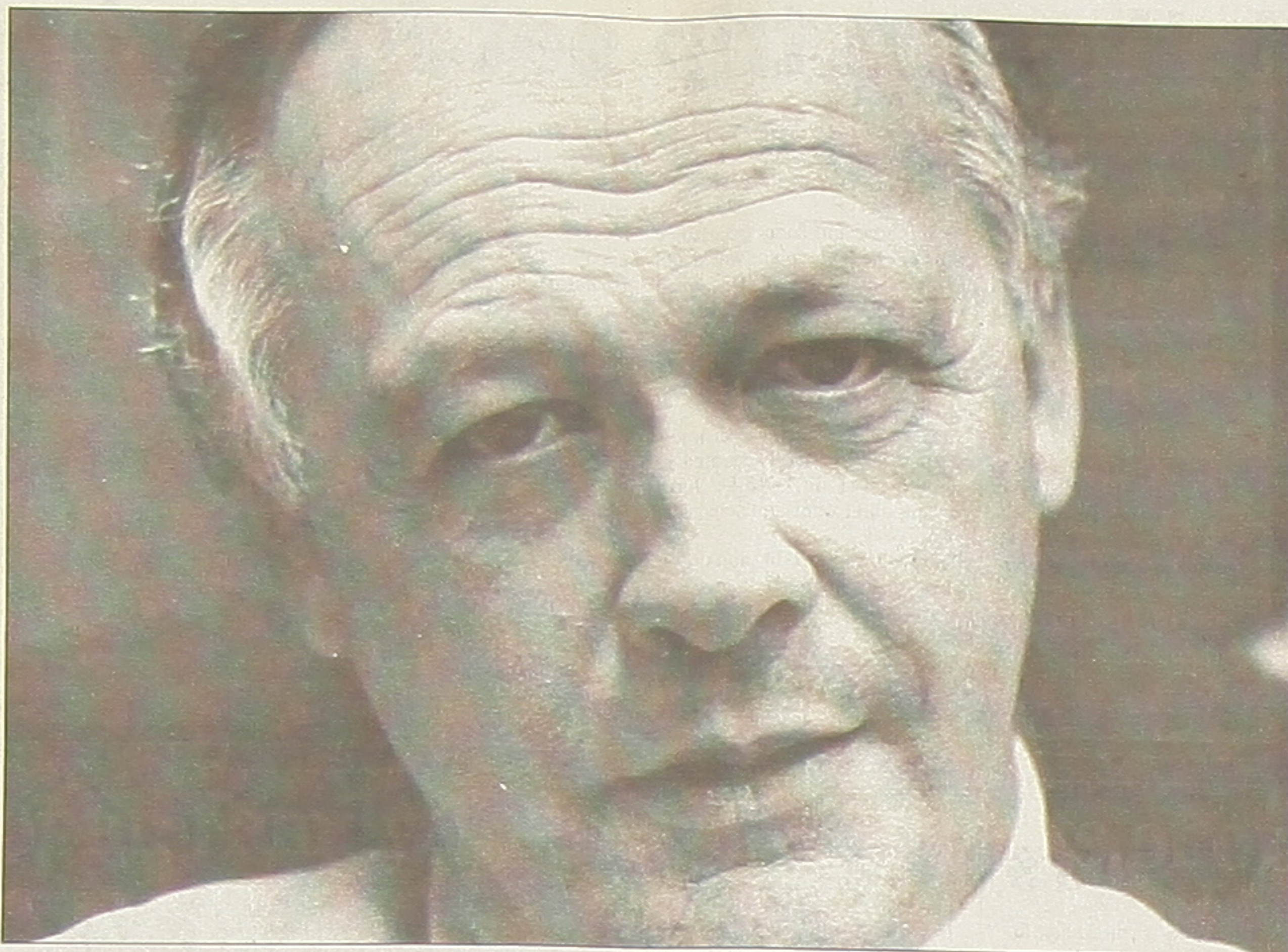
The classes will be free of charge and will be formed in a support group type of setting. Educational materials will be provided along with the discussions dealing with grief issues.

Topics covered by the program include loss and grief, spiritual aspects of grief, remembering, intimacy and new beginnings.

Anyone interested in the classes are encouraged to pre-register before the first session with Hospice.

For more information or to pre-register, call Bill Gross at Hospice at (417) 625-6559. □

JOPLIN R-8



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

For 21 years, Dr. Vernon Hudson has served Joplin's school district at the administrative level, tempering discipline with respect.

□ After several years as an instructor in both secondary and higher education, Dr. Vernon Hudson has climbed to the top of the administrative ladder with his own ...

Educational philosophy

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Added some incense and a few odd-shaped candles, and the Stan Musial altar in the back of Dr. Vernon Hudson's spacious office technically could be dubbed a shrine.

Hudson, Joplin R-8's superintendent for the past two years, claims to be an avid collector.

The Musial collection of baseball cards, pictures, and various other Stan "The Man" paraphernalia is more than trinkets.

"Everybody needs a hero," the 52-year-old administrator said.

Being a hero is something most people in the education business strive to achieve at least once. Hudson is no different.

"I like to see someone benefit from something I've done," he said.

The opportunities for watching the proverbial "light go on" began in the 1960s at a high school in the suburbs of Kansas City where Hudson taught for three years. At Shawnee Mission (Kan.) East High School, Hudson taught American history and American government to the first batch of young adults who would be impelled by the young instructor who still had higher educational aspirations.

After collegiate level stints as a professor and doctoral student, the Joplinite came home in 1975 to begin his career as an administrator.

He was first cast in the role of the heavy as the feared assistant principal at Parkwood High School. The position,

known to many in educational circles as "the punisher," became a different creation under his term.

"I always viewed it as a combination disciplinarian-counselor," Hudson said.

"I think that's why it worked well. Those were probably some of the happiest years of my life. I got to know the students very, very well."

Hudson said he believes his role as assistant principal did help sculpt a few lives. "The reason students listened to me was because I took the time to listen to them," he said.

"I think they knew I respected them. I think in respecting them, I earned a little respect from them."

Hudson went on to become Joplin High School's first principal in 1985. Two years later, he moved to the district administration level as an assistant superintendent. Hudson's basic theory about education preaches a mutual respect among students, teachers, parents and other community members and seems simplistic yet unreachable to most.

"I'm very comfortable with what I've accomplished," he said.

Whether it be ground-breaking required courses or involving the community, his ideals never wane.

"I suppose it's hard to talk to anyone without trying to stress the importance of acceptance of people as they are," Hudson said.

As importantly, the superintendent stresses people need to set goals that allow them to "be true to themselves and true to their ideas." □

PROFILE



ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

1975-79—Assistant Principal, Parkwood High School
1979-84—Principal, Memorial High School
1984-85—Principal, Parkwood High School
1985-87—Principal, Joplin High School
1987-92—Assistant Superintendent, Joplin R-8 district
1992-94—Deputy Superintendent, Joplin R-8 district
1994-present—Superintendent, Joplin R-8 district

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Dr. Vernon Hudson
Joplin R-8 superintendent

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Joplin Family Y stresses elements of original idea

Community involvement key to achieving success

By RICK ROGERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Despite popular belief, the disco group The Village People is not the only one who believes in the YMCA.

Since its establishment in 1891, the Young Men's Christian Association has been a consistent fixture within the community. It has been providing services and programs geared toward all ages for more than a century.

Cookie Estrada, Joplin Family Y executive director, said it offers programming for the Joplin R-8 School District, the Joplin Boy's and Girl's Club, St. John's Regional Medical Center, Freeman Hospital, and many civic organizations like the latch-key program.

"The latch-key program is designated to heighten children's awareness from personal hygiene to drug and alcohol abuse," he said. "It is our mission to meet all aspects of what our community wants and needs."

As the community and Missouri Southern have grown throughout the past decade, so has the interest in what the Joplin Family Y has to offer. Estrada said out of the 5,300 people involved in programs and services, 350 to



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Brittany Adams, 9, of Joplin, tries to catch herself as she slides off the balance beam at a gymnastics practice at Joplin's Family Y.

400 are students from the College. "The College membership is a significant provider to the YMCA," he said. "We draw a large percent of our actual members, not including outside programs, from Missouri Southern."

The Joplin Family Y also provides youth athletic leagues for children and adults of all ages.

Troy Jensen, senior criminal justice major at Southern, got involved with the Joplin Family Y through coaching a youth football team three years ago.

"It was a great experience for the kids and for myself," Jensen said. "A lot of kids don't have anything, and I think getting involved in sports is a great outlet for them."

As far as athletics, the Joplin Family Y offers many different facilities and programs at different levels ranging from the avid athlete to the "it's never too late" beginner.

The Y has many facilities for visitors.

"With the fact that our school does not offer any type of weight room for students, the YMCA is a great place to go because of its unlimited facilities," Jensen said.

A new feature is the Kids Quest room. "It is an area where children can go whose parents are working out or involved in a program somewhere in the building," Estrada said. "Kids Quest takes the place of a nursery and involves a ball area and a small weight program so they can get some exercise also."

With all the work the Joplin Family Y does for the community, Estrada said the organization has one sole purpose.

"It brings people together in a clean, safe environment for all ages." □

MAIL ORDER TAX

Appeal interrupts tax issue

By BECKI BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The mail-order industry is under attack by the Missouri Department of Revenue with a sales use tax being levied upon it.

The industry is fighting back, taking the government all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court over the issue. With the Supreme Court finding in favor of the state, the collected money is in limbo while the complainant, Associated Industries of Missouri, appeals the high court's decision. The appeal is being heard in the Cole County Circuit Court.

The use of the sales tax on mail-order items has been collected since 1992.

The mail-order tax is added to any item ordered through the mail which is not taxed by Missouri sales tax.

The money the city of Joplin collects is to go toward capital improvements. Other cities have allocated the funds from their sales use tax already.

Since 1992 the mail-order tax has collected \$700,000 a year in Joplin. Yet funds from the tax have been placed in safekeeping to draw interest until the outstanding court challenge can be settled.

"We do not plan or make plans to spend any of the money until there is a resolution," said Harold McCoy, public works director for the city of Joplin.

The city hopes the case will be settled within the next year.

"The new budget does not even include the mail-order sales tax," McCoy said.

The opposition of the sales tax claims unfair competition.

"There are many from out of state who do not want to pay this tax," McCoy said.

The growth of mail-order sales should also be taken into consideration when considering the mail-order tax, according to Dr. Richard E. La Near, professor of business at Missouri Southern.

The growth of home shopping has caused an explosion of mail-order business.

"I have more variety of products at reasonable costs," La Near said.

The reasonable cost is due in part to the fact that consumers in the past have been able to make purchases with no sales tax included.

"The same problem occurs with differing sales taxes of bordering states," La Near said. "The consumer will drive to make the purchase at a more reasonable cost."

According to La Near, the collection process and political pressures from the state may also cause a problem with the use tax.

"I am sure with large sums of money simply collecting interest, there is pressure to come to a decision," he said. □

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Interns gain crime-fighting experience

Students work with law enforcement officials in K.C., D.C.

By LESLIE ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

Two Missouri Southern students got a taste of their chosen professions last spring and summer.

April Buczinski, senior criminal justice major, and Kim Jensen, May 1995 graduate, both completed internships. Buczinski worked with the Division of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, while Jensen did her work for the Public Defense Investigator's Office in Washington, D.C.

Jensen found out about the internship through a mailing from the American University in Washington, D.C. She decided to enroll, and received a dean's scholarship to help defray the cost.

"It is very expensive, about \$10,000, but you get a very broad perspective," she said. "I got to go all over D.C., from the worst part of town, the drug area, to some very upper-class neighborhoods."

During a routine day, Jensen might have interviewed eye witnesses, taken their statements, taken pictures of a crime scene from different angles and at different times of day, filed briefs, or watched in the courtroom as a case progressed.

She also attended classes three days each week.

Jensen now works for the National Association of Trial Lawyers and lives a mere eight blocks from the White House.

She said she would send information on the internship program to Dr. Blake Wolf, head of Southern's criminal justice department, and suggested that interested students contact him. His office extension is 9758.

Buczinski completed her internship in Kansas City this summer. For two months of work, she received six hours of credit.

"It was easy for me to do, because I live in Kansas City," Buczinski said.

She learned the basic functions of the Division of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and worked with both the arson and compliance divisions.

"Basically I took on responsibilities that the agents generally do," she said. "We went out on a crime scene the second day I was there—an arson. They taught me how to look for evidence, like fire burns, and I actually got to sketch the crime scene. You have to draw a picture of the building and measure it, and if you find evidence that you're going to send to the lab, you have to measure exactly where the evidence was found."

"They brought in the arson dog. Her name was Avon. It was cool, watching the dog."

"We'd tell her to sniff, and she'd go find accelerants, like gasoline, and she would point out where it was."

Besides working a fire, Buczinski also rode along on a homicide

investigation with the Kansas City Police Department and went with the compliance division of the ATF when it inspected an area distillery.

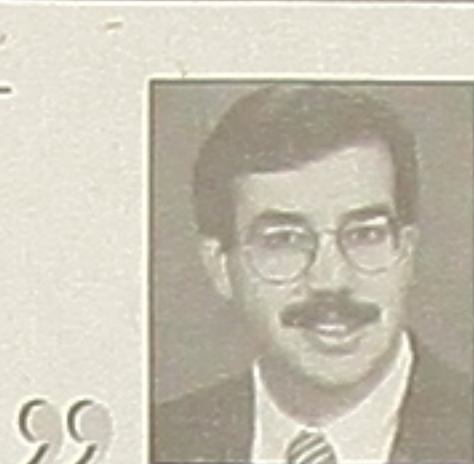
"We inspected a distillery in Weston, Mo.," she said. "They made vodka and beer, stuff like that. We looked to make sure that the alcohol content was what was stated on the label, and we inspected the label for misleading information."

Buczinski recommended the program for other students, citing the importance of the contacts she made and the experience she gained.

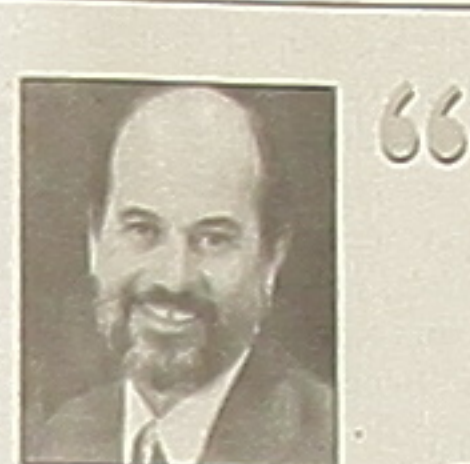
"It's a great experience," she said. "It helps you realize what it's really going to be like out there, and you'll know if you want to work in that field, or not." □

TEAM TEACHING

"This keeps me close to my discipline and lets me know what students are thinking."



Dr. Erik Bitterbaum & Dr. Jim Jackson



"It is rare that we ever get a chance to observe anybody else teaching."

Teaching duo doubles biology perspectives

Bitterbaum, Jackson team teach biology class

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
EDUCATION EDITOR

It's a bargain hunter's dream—two for the price of one. Students who enrolled in Dr. Jim Jackson's Biology 101 course stumbled into a blue-light special.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, is team teaching the course with Jackson this semester.

"He came to me and asked if he could team teach with me," Jackson said. "I said 'Wonderful!' because I have great admiration for him. He is confident, knowledgeable, and entertaining."

Jackson and Bitterbaum divide the lecturing responsibilities, but both are always present for the class.

"Team teaching is only team teaching when both people are in the classroom all the time," Jackson explained. "When we aren't teaching, we act as a master student in the audience."

"For example," Bitterbaum said, "during Jim's lecture [recently], I peppered him with questions because I knew it would bring out some additional ideas. And he does the same with me."

Jackson finds the partnership particularly helpful because Bitterbaum's expertise is zoology and his own is botany.

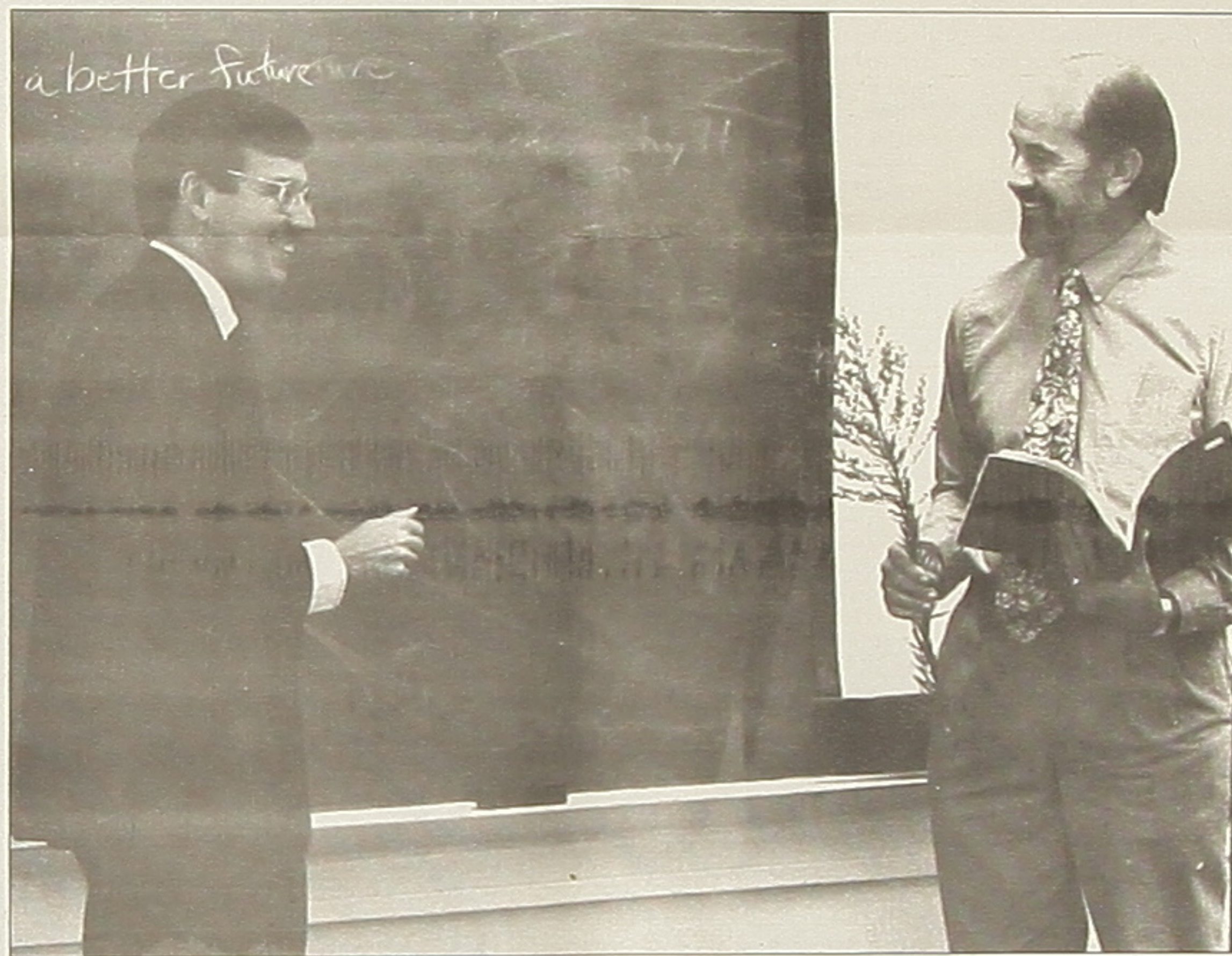
"I probably have a botanical bias when I teach this class, and this causes me to reflect on a zoological level," he said.

Rachel Brown, junior psychology major, believes their differences make the class stronger.

"If you don't understand the concept when one of them explains it, then the other jumps in and you might understand his explanation better," she said. "They have different styles."

Brown also likes the added availability of dual instructors, and said both Jackson and Bitterbaum go out of their way to get to know the students personally.

"It's nice to have a member of the administration teaching," she said. "They become



Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology, are team teaching this semester.

real people instead of just entities in an office somewhere." Jackson also sees the benefit of Bitterbaum's involvement in the classroom.

"He sets the academic course for this institution; that's his job," he said. "It is heartening to realize that he believes he needs to experience teaching to do that. The longer you're away from the classroom, the more you forget what it's like."

Jackson and Bitterbaum met during the summer to decide how to divide the teaching.

"Initially I had some anxieties," Jackson said. "It's kind of like owning a car and selling half of it to someone, knowing they will be behind the wheel half the time. You have to be willing to go wherever they take you."

Both agree that preparation time is not reduced by sharing the responsibilities.

"Whenever I teach, I throw all my lecture notes away at the end of the semester and start afresh next time," Bitterbaum said. "So this is time consuming for me."

In spite of the extra effort, however, both Jackson and Bitterbaum are enjoying the experience.

"I love to teach even though I'm in administration," Bitterbaum said. "This keeps me close to my discipline and lets me know what students are thinking."

"It is rare that we ever get a chance to observe anybody else teaching," Jackson said. "No matter what is being discussed, I have found it to be an incredible and inspiring experience." □

FACULTY SENATE

Leon briefs faculty on mission enhancement

Senate elects new committee chairs for 1995-96

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
EDUCATION EDITOR

Faculty Senate members began their first meeting for the 1995-96 school year Monday with a sigh of relief that they no longer need to discuss the Hancock II amendment.

Aside from organizational matters, the focus of the meeting was on the Missouri Southern's next hurdle, the international mission.

Dr. Jay Moorman, Senate president, opened the meeting by recognizing the loss felt by the faculty at the death of Dr. David Tate, professor of sociology.

"He represented what a colleague should be," Moorman said. "He was sincere and scholarly, with a sense of humor."

"I enjoyed talking shop with him. Now he's gone on to that higher plane of discussion."

Organizational business included electing new chairpersons for several committees.

Dennis Herr was named to the faculty personnel committee; Edward Wuch to the faculty welfare committee; Dr. David

McConnell to the library committee; Fran Bartholet to the scholarship and performing aid committee; and Nancy Loomer to the student affairs committee.

College President Julio Leon updated the Senate on the status of the quest for an international mission.

The appointment of Dr. Kala Stroup as commissioner for higher education will influence the College's pursuit of the mission enhancement, Leon said.

After visiting with many legislators, college officials, and other opinion makers across the state, Stroup believes it will be necessary to develop a master plan for

higher education in the state of Missouri.

Such a plan would help legislators balance the demands for greater vocational/technical training and the mission enhancement goals of colleges.

It would call for greater cooperation among the colleges, universities, and vo-tech schools in the state to avoid a duplication of resources.

Additionally, legislation being considered in Congress may have a dramatic effect on colleges across the nation.

"Congress has proposed drastic cuts in Pell grants and student loans," Leon said. "A substantial

number of our students rely on financial aid."

Another factor affecting colleges is the consideration of federal aid being given to states in the form of block grants.

Leon believes the block grants will make less money available for higher education.

"What happens in Jefferson City will be determined by what happens in Washington, D.C.," he said.

"It used to be that higher education was never questioned; it was a sacred thing. People are not thinking that way now."

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Oct. 2. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Northwest featured on World Wide Web

Northwest Missouri State University has been informed that portions of its College View presentation will be featured on the World Wide Web.

College View is a CD-ROM service offered to the nation's colleges and universities to promote their educational offerings to high school and junior college students. The service, presented graphically with audio and visual excerpts as well, is available in high schools and junior colleges across the country.

Northwest's College View presentation was one of nine college and university offerings selected by College View to be a part of its initial World Wide Web venture. The World Wide Web is the graphics component of the Internet. Northwest has a "home page" on the World Wide Web as well.

College View's Web View presentation, with Northwest included, will be unveiled at the National Admissions Counselors Annual Conference (NACAC) later this month. After that date, the Web View site will be available at www.collegeview.com. □

UMKC to celebrate international month

A wide variety of lectures, concerts, exhibits, workshops, and other activities will be offered by the University of Missouri-Kansas City to celebrate International Month in October. Following is a list of the events.

Saturday, Sept. 30-Tuesday, Oct. 24—Exhibit: "In Celebration of the United Nations 50th," photographs of children taken by United Nations photographers over the last 50 years; Miller Nichols Library, 51st Street and Rockhill Road. Free.

Sunday, Oct. 1-Saturday, Oct. 7—Display: International Flag Display; 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday; University Center Cafeteria, University Center, 50th and Holmes streets. Free. For more information, call 816-235-1457.

Monday, Oct. 2—Panel Discussion: "Studying Overseas," a panel discussion by UMKC students who have studied overseas; noon-1 p.m.; Alumni Room, University Center, 50th and Holmes streets. Free. For more information, call 816-235-1407.

Tuesday, Oct. 3—Lecture: "The Mokaya: New Discoveries About Southern Mexico's Earliest Villages," by Michael Blake, professor of anthropology, University of British Columbia; 7:30 p.m.; Pierson Auditorium, University Center, 50th and Holmes streets. Free. For more information, call 816-235-2545.

Wednesday, Oct. 4—International Dance Show: Featuring UMKC international students; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; University Center Cafeteria, University Center, 50th and Holmes streets. Free. For more information, call 816-235-1457.

Friday, Oct. 6—Exhibit: Opening of "Amazon Festival of Toys and Other Brazilian Delights," 7 p.m.; University Center Art Gallery, 2nd Floor, University Center, 50th and Holmes streets. Open during the month of October. Free. For more information, call 816-235-1457.

Saturday, Oct. 7—Presentation: "Chinese Language and Culture," presented by Gary Hart, UMKC Applied Language Institute instructor and Kansas City, Mo., public school district teacher; 9 a.m.-noon; Room 106, University Center, 50th and Holmes streets. Free. For more information, call 816-235-1233. □

Sports Column

Call the shop, Lion's offense needs tune-up

The home winning streak is over, but maybe it's time for another one to take hold.

I'm not talking about the football Lions trying to recapture the home field mystique they held before Emporia State came to town last weekend and spoiled the party.

Even though the Lions' 11-game regular season home winning streak was snapped with a 26-21 loss to the Hornets, everyone in the conference, including Central Missouri State University head coach Terry Noland, knows Missouri Southern is a force to be reckoned with no matter the situation.

"We had to play at their place last season, and believe me that was no picnic," he said of Southern's 26-10 victory. "Southern has a very vocal crowd, and the turf field accents its running backs well. I am very happy we are playing them here this season."

Rather than streaks, Southern head coach Jon Lantz worries over how the Lions' offense will recover after feeling the pain from Emporia State's "Sting" defense.

After a first half of sophomore quarterback David Haug throwing for minus 4 yards and tailback senior Albert Bland having to run through holes the size of a mouse's living quarters, Southern's offense was reaching for the choke knob. Trying to add a spark, Lantz inserted freshman quarterback Brad Cornelson, whose speed added a new dimension to the Lions' playbook.

But it was already too late. Southern's defense had run out of gas during the second half just as the Hornets' offense and quarterback Sean Ponder received a tune-up.

But before Southern heads into Saturday's game at CMSU, the team must first decide who its QB will be. Will it be Haug with his strong arm and potential of leading a strong passing attack, or Cornelson, whose speed and agility will linger in the back of the opposing linebackers' minds every week?

The Lions must head into CMSU's newly renovated Vernon Kennedy Stadium with an 0-1 MIAA record. If that's not enough to worry about, here's another concern: the Lions have not won a road game since 1993.

Last season, it seemed like the road Southern traveled was full of potholes and 90-degree curves—twisting and jolting the Lions every which way but in the win column.

In 1994, Southern opened its season at Central Arkansas, but with six players having to sit out due to suspensions, the Bears pounced on the distracted Lions for a 30-20 win.

But there was no rest for the Lions on their schedule as they had to cross the state line and play in a "jungle" of media hoopla and school tradition in the annual Miner's Bowl against Pittsburg State. After the Lions came out in the second half with a 14-3 lead, tragedy struck at the hand of Southern quarterback Doug Switzer, who threw four interceptions in the 24-14 loss.

Southern went on to lose road games to Northeast Missouri State University, Emporia State, and the University of Missouri-Rolla.

But this year is already different for the Lions. Maybe the loss at home is a sign; Lantz put it best when he said, "We were bound to lose some time."

Rick Rogers

FOOTBALL

Lions' offense sputters in home loss

Hornets' 26-21 win
snaps Southern's
11-game win streak

BY RICK ROGERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For the first time in nearly three seasons, the Missouri Southern football Lions left Fred G. Hughes Stadium with their heads hung low.

Emporia State University (1-0 in the MIAA, 2-1 overall) captured a 26-21 victory in the MIAA opener for both teams Saturday night.

Southern's last home defeat came at the hands of Northwest Missouri State University, 35-27, on Oct. 28, 1992.

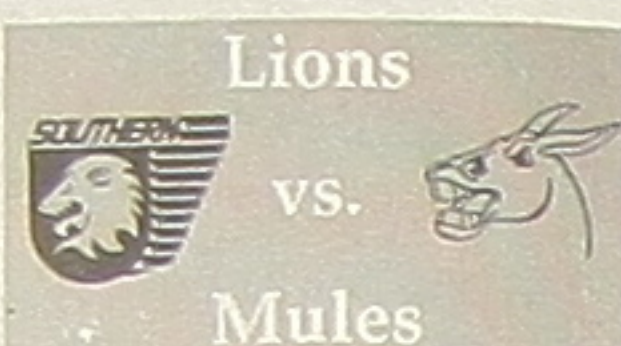
Lions' head coach Jon Lantz said he was bothered more about losing a conference game so early in the season than seeing the team's 11-game home winning streak end.

"To be honest with you, the loss itself hurts," he said. "The fact that it is a conference loss is much more upsetting to me than the fact we broke our streak at home. We were bound to get beat sooner or later."

Emporia State shocked the Lions' estimated home crowd of 4,500 with 26 second-half points, masterminded by head coach Manny Matsakis' run-and-shoot offense.

Hornets' quarterback Sean Ponder led the offensive barrage by completing 19 of 41 passes for 300 yards. Ponder entered the second half with only 54 yards passing, but picked apart the Lions' young secondary for 246 yards and two touchdowns after intermission.

With Southern's offense out of



WHEN:
2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23.
WHERE:
Vernon Kennedy Stadium.
SERIES:
Missouri Southern leads series 10-4-2.
RECORDS:
Missouri Southern 0-1, (1-1). Central Missouri 0-1, (1-1).
LAST YEAR:
Missouri Southern 26, Central Missouri 10.

synch throughout much of the game and starting sophomore quarterback David Haug having trouble establishing a passing game, Lantz chose to platoon Haug and freshman quarterback Brad Cornelson.

Haug completed four of 15 passes for 28 yards; Cornelson hit two of six for 37 yards. Both quarterbacks were intercepted once.

"We felt like we were trying to get more out of our quarterback position," Lantz said. "We wanted to see what Brad could do. He does certain things that David can't do, and David does certain things that Brad can't do."

"We just can't continue to hand the football off to Albert Bland on every down."

Bland rushed for 140 yards on 28 carries.

Southern (1-1 overall) led 14-6 in the third quarter, but its defense tired and allowed Ponder to rally Emporia State.

"There was no question the stamina of our defense was wearing

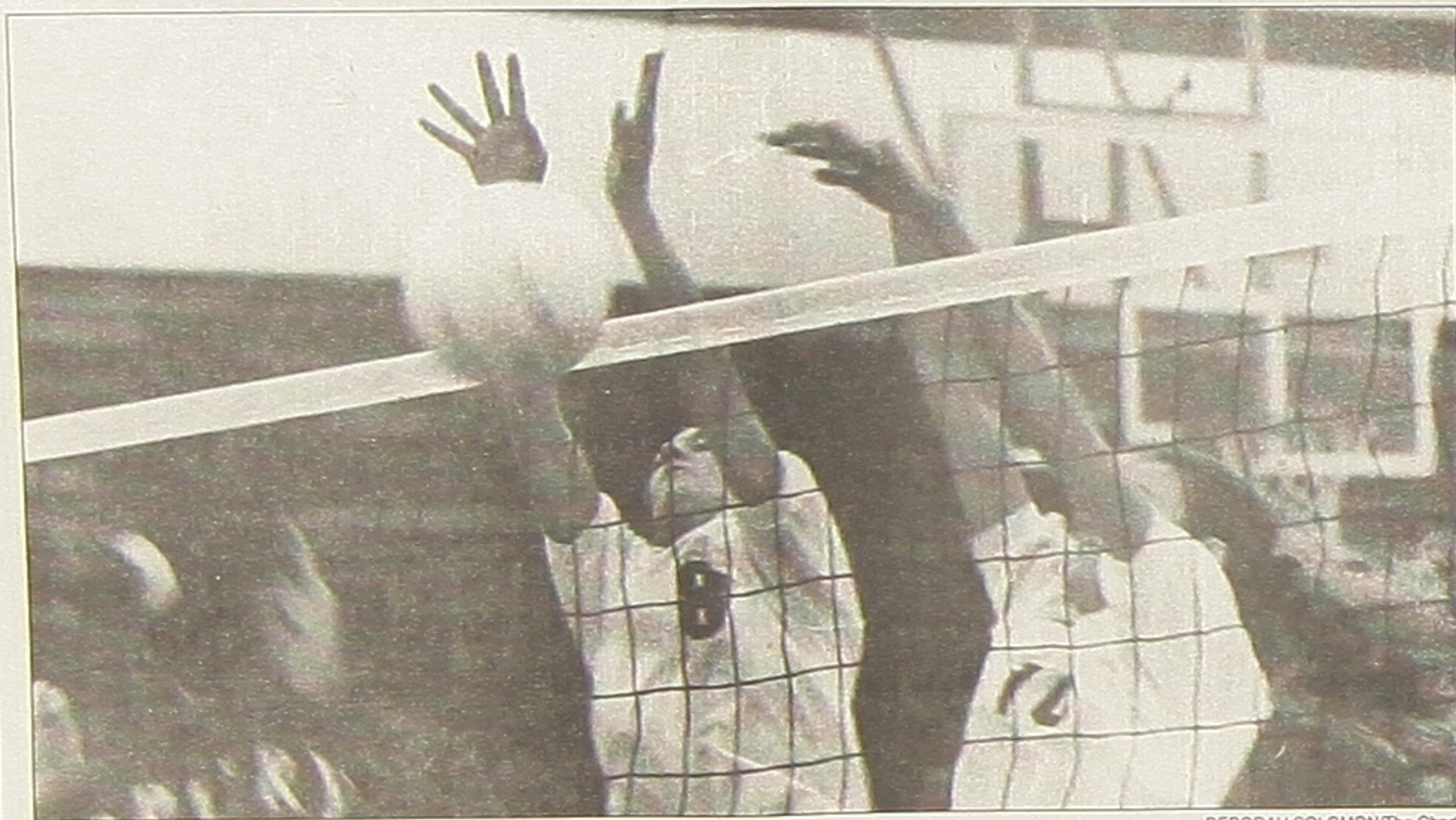
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DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Senior tailback Albert Bland carries the ball behind the block of sophomore Jason Friend. Bland rushed for 140 yards in Saturday's 26-21 loss to Emporia State. Bland now has 340 rushing yards in two games.

VOLLEYBALL



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Burkhart hits high note against arch-rival Drury

Lady Lions remain
undefeated at 7-0 with
strong hitting attack

By NICK PARKER
SPORTS EDITOR

Neely Burkhardt, junior outside hitter, led Missouri Southern with a career-high 19 kills in the Lady Lions' sweep of Drury College Tuesday night.

Southern head coach Debbie Traywick said hitting was the key to her team's 15-11, 16-14, 15-8 victory over the Lady Panthers. The Lady Lions are now 7-0 overall.

"Hitting is a timing move," she said, "You have to go at it for two or three weeks before you get used to the setter and get into a rhythm. All of the hitters did a good job last night. Our play at the net is good."

Sophomore middle hitter Stephanie Gockley chipped in with 18 kills of her own. Junior setter Jenny Easter had 44 assists in the match.

Other key contributors were sophomore Sara Winkler with 18 digs and senior Lyn Dee Harrelson with two service aces.

Although the Lady Lions have been winning so far, Traywick says serving inconsistency has plagued her team this season.

She said this could pose some problems against the Lady Lions' next three opponents.

"We're having trouble finding the court at times," Traywick said. "Our objective is to play to our ability, and if we do that then things will fall into place for us."

Southern will travel to the University of Missouri-St. Louis Friday and Saturday for three conference matches.

The Lady Lions will face the host Riverwomen (8-6, 1-0) Friday before meeting Central Missouri State University (11-2, 1-0) and Emporia State University (6-7, 1-0) Saturday.

The Lady Lions will return home to Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium on Wednesday against the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats. □

(Above) Sophomores Kristen Harris and Sara Winkler put up a block against Drury on Tuesday night. (Bottom) Winkler attacks the ball during the Lady Lions' 15-11, 16-14, 15-8, sweep over Drury college.



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

SOCCER

Southern ready to rumble

By J.L. GRIFFIN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

An entire week has passed since the Missouri Southern soccer team has seen action against another team.

The Lions are scheduled to go to Southwest Baptist University for a 4:30 p.m. non-conference match-up Thursday. Coach Jim Cook said the Lions are ready for the competition.

"We watched part of the [Southwest Baptist] game Tuesday against Ozark Christian College after practice," Cook said. "It'll be a challenge."

Cook said the week off has helped his team heal after a strenuous six-day, four-game stretch that saw the Lions run their record to 3-3. The team is healthy, according to Cook, except for a few pulled muscles.

"No one is not playing tomorrow because of health reasons," he said.

The team practiced for an hour and a half Wednesday, which Cook said was one of the best workouts the team has had in a while.

With the Lions fouling 122 times in six games, the coach said he wouldn't keep them from playing as aggressively, but he did stress he wanted them to play less aggressively in the goal box.

"This seems to be the year of the penalty kick," Cook said. "The officials this year have decided contact in the box isn't going to happen."

Another aspect of the game the Lions have turned toward is cutting back on the amount of times the team is being called for off-sides. So far this season, Southern has been called 21 times while their six opponents have been flagged only eight times.

Cook said he was happy with the play of his team even though it has a .500 record.

"All of our losses have come against ranked teams," the coach said. □

CROSS COUNTRY

Runners fare well in Southern Stampede

Cooper narrowly misses school record

By RYAN BRONSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Missouri Southern's men's and women's cross country teams can be characterized by the same standards. Both are considerably improved over last year, evident by their performances at the Southern Stampede last weekend, and both are looking for their No. 4 and No. 5 runners to step up and make a difference.

The men finished first in their division Saturday, outrunning the likes of University of Missouri-Rolla, Emporia State University, and Southwest Baptist University.

Lions' coach Tom Rutledge said he was satisfied with the performance of his two top runners, Jon Wilks and Josh Rogers.

"It was nice to see Josh have a good day," Rutledge said. "We are starting to run to our capability."

Rutledge said a large part of his team's victory was due to the loss of Emporia State's top runner, Jurmain Mitchell.

"Our goal was to beat Emporia

State," Rutledge said. "Of course, we didn't know Jurmain Mitchell wouldn't be here."

Rutledge believes Emporia State redshirted the All-American.

Also for the Lions, Derek Russell finished 28th, Dusty Franks was 37th, Jereme Batson was 42nd, Jim Lowary was 43rd, and Mark Williams was 46th.

The University of Arkansas and the University of Tulsa also ran in the 8K event.

A stellar Emporia State squad ran its top five runners in the top 10 to take the women's team title. Southern's Rhonda Cooper led the Lady Lions to a second-place finish, winning the individual 5K title in 18:21, just four seconds off the College's record.

Freshman Amanda Harrison (fifth) and Sonia Blacketer (sixth) continued to run strong for Southern, according to women's coach Patty Vavra.

"The two freshmen ran extremely well," Vavra said. "I was really impressed with how well Blacketer ran. They both have been very consistent."



Rhonda Cooper (third from left) rests with friends after she helped take her team to a second place finish at Saturday's Southern Stampede. Cooper finished first for the women. The men took first place in their division.

"By conference time, I hope to see our No. 4 and No. 5 runners close the gap."

Senior Kathy Williams has been improving, Vavra said. Williams was the fourth Southern runner to cross

the finish line Saturday. Her 20:04 was 1:25 better than her time last year.

Williams finished in 12th place overall. Cassie Moss finished in 13th, Kim Snedden in 16th, and

Chris Heinecke in 26th.

"We've got a shot to win the MIAA," said Vavra, who said her team will have to work hard if it wants to beat Emporia State, the defending MIAA champs. □

GOLF

Lions take sixth place in opener

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

Heath Holt of the golf squad seized second place for his effort at the Northeast Missouri State Invitational in Kirksville Sept. 18-19.

Holt, a co-captain for the team, led Missouri Southern with a closing 75 for a 187 total as Southern placed sixth at the two-day outing. He finished with two birdies coming from the par 5s on the back nine (13 and 16), and ended up only two strokes behind Adrian Carey from Southwest Baptist University. Other than Holt's 75, Chris Mitchell shot a 76, Kevin Walker 78, Todd Pefferman 82, and Scott Smith 84.

Clay said Holt's score was what he expected out of his top player.

"He's a good player and a good student," Clay said. "I think everyone on the team has a true aspiration to go pro and make the big money, but realistically, many golf players don't get the opportunity."

Because no one on last year's team graduated, 10 of the 12 golfers on the team this season are returning players.

"Everybody in the top five is back," he said. "I expect us to be better than last year."

The team practices at the Twin Hills Country Club on weekdays in preparation for its next action at the University of Missouri-Rolla Invitational at Fort Leonard Wood Oct. 2-3. □

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down and we were not able to put pressure on their quarterback in the fourth quarter like we were in the first half," Lantz said. "The reason for that was because our defense was on the field too much, and with a defense out there so much we were a tired bunch of campers in the fourth quarter."

This Saturday, Southern heads into Central Missouri State University's renovated home sta-

dium to try to snap another streak—but one of a different nature. The Lions have not won a road game since beating Northwest Missouri State University on Nov. 13, 1993, when they clinched the MIAA title.

Lantz said his team would like to earn some respect on the road.

"We have always played well at Central Missouri, and in my tenure we are 2-1 up there," Lantz said. "Our kids like to play them

because we look at them as the Cadillac of the conference.

"We are the Chevy."

Lantz said he thought the home loss could add some spark to the Lions' punch this Saturday in Warrensburg.

"I know we will be ready for them," he said. "I feel like our young men have a lot of character, and I think we will rebound and put on a good show up there."

CMSU head coach Terry Noland said he was not looking forward to playing Southern, which he predicted would be hungry after losing at home.

"Any team coached by Jon Lantz is going to respond in a positive manner," he said.

"We are going to have to play an angry football team for the second week in a row. We are going to need to find that same demeanor."

The other angry team was Pittsburg State, which defeated the Mules 37-16 at PSU's Carnie Smith Stadium Saturday.

CMSU led 10-7 in the third quarter when Noland said disaster struck.

"We played well for about seven-eighths of the game," he said. "I think their tradition just took over, and that makes it hard to maintain a good mental aspect for the full game." □

The Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

Emporia St. vs. Southern
ESU 26, MSSC 21

Southern Totals

Rushing—Albert Bland, 140 yards. Brad Cornelien, 41 yards. Heath Benson, 33 yards. Jason Friend, 15 yards. Wallace Clay, 2 yards. Passing—David Haug, 4/15, 1 int., 28 yards. Brad Cornelien, 2/6, 1 int., 37 yards.

Receiving—James Thrash, 3 recpts., 30 yards. Chad Casey, 1 recpt., 28 yards. L.A. Maclin, 1 recpt., 11 yards. Punting—Branton Dawson, 10/366 yards, 36.6 yds/att.

Kick Returns—Justin Taylor, 1 return, 75 yards. Albert Bland, 3 returns, 57 yards. Wallace Clay, 1 return, 16 yards. Rob Townsend, 2 returns, 15 yards.

VOLLEYBALL

Drury
vs. Southern
MSSC 3, Drury 0

OH—Neely Burkhardt, 19 kills. MH—Stephanie Gockley, 18 kills, 5 blocks. OH—Lyn Dee Harrelson, 2 aces. OH—Sara Winkler, 18 digs. S—Jenny Easter, 44 assists.

CROSS COUNTRY

Southern Stampede

Men's Team scores

Division I

1. University of Arkansas, 19.

2. University of Tulsa, 44.

Division II

1. Missouri Southern, 38.

2. Missouri-Rolla, 43.
3. Emporia St., 54.
4. Southwest Baptist, 99.

Individual

1. Siamusive Godfrey, Ark., 23:51. 2. Matt Wegenka, Unattached, 24:36. 3. Ryan Siler, UT, 24:50. 4. Matt Kerr, Ark., 24:59. 5. Teddy Mitchell, Unattached, 25:01.

6. Adam Dailey, Ark., 25:07. 7. Sean Kaley, Ark., 24:59. 8. Phillip Price, Ark., 25:27. 9. Carlos Paradelo, Ark., 25:36. 10. David Leby, Ark., 25:48. 11. Carlos Vasquez, KCCC, 25:56. 12. John Straubel, Unattached, 26:04. 13. Ryan Wilson, Ark., 26:05. 14. Jon Wilks, MSSC, 26:16. 15. Josh Rogers, MSSC, 26:19.

Other Southern finishers

28. Derek Russell, 27:03. 37. Dusty Franks, 28:06. 42. Jereme Batson, 28:34. 43. Jim Lowary, 28:34. 46. Mark

Williams, 29:09.

Women's Team scores

1. Emporia St., 25.
2. Missouri Southern, 37.
3. Missouri-Rolla, 76.
4. Southwest, 114.
5. Northeastern St., 119.

Individual

1. Rhonda Cooper, MSSC 18:21. 2. Jessica Oberg, ESU, 18:50. 3. Angela Cathcart, ESU, 18:53. 4. Annette Karhala, ESU, 18:53. 5. Amanda Harrison, MSSC, 18:59.

6. Sonia Blacketer, MSSC, 19:12. 7. Michele Daniele, ESU, 19:21. 8. Jennifer Frazer, MR, 19:23. 9. Billi Ross, ESU, 19:30. 10. Tracy Jones, MR, 19:55.

11. Majali Schneider, ESU, 19:59. 12. Kathy Williams, MSSC, 20:04.

13. Cassie Moss, MSSC, 20:16. 14. Amy Armer, NE, 20:23. 15. Amy Page, ESU, 20:25.

Other Southern finishers

16. Kim Snedden, 20:30. 26. Chris Heinecke, 22:33.

THIS WEEK

Football

• Southern at CMSU, Saturday 2:30 p.m.

Volleyball

• Southern at UMSL, Friday 7 p.m.
• Southern vs. Central Missouri, at UMSL, 10 a.m.
• Southern vs. Emporia St, at UMSL, Saturday, 2 p.m.

• Southern vs. SBU, Wednesday 7 p.m.

Soccer

• Southern at SBU, Thursday 4:30 p.m.
• Southern at Lincoln, Saturday, 3 p.m.
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Where the Buffalo Roam

Prairie State Park was created in an attempt to recapture the lost heritage of the prairie and its life.

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

Each season brings something new to Prairie State Park. Grasses can reach eight feet tall in the fall while yellow prairie lousewort and purple violets cover the fields in spring. The park is Missouri's largest remaining tallgrass prairie and is the No. 1 resource for prairie research in the state. Several biologists from Missouri Southern have conducted studies on the prairie.

Prairie State Park, established in 1980, is administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The prairie, which is home to more than 150 species of birds, also contains 26 rare and endangered species of animals. It is the most significant breeding habit for the Northern harrier, a slender hawk that preys primarily on small mammals, reptiles, and insects.

"Most of the people who come here are hikers and nature lovers," said Connie Winfrey, tourist assistant for the park. "This is one of the best-kept secrets of the region."

Prairie State Park is the only place in Missouri where American bison and elk can roam in their natural habitat. Purchased from the National Parks System, the bison were shipped in from Ft. Niobrara in Valentine, Neb., and Wichita Mountain in Ft. Sill, Okla.

The bison are kept in the park by an electrical fence. And with five calves born this year, there are 21 bison grazing in the large fields.

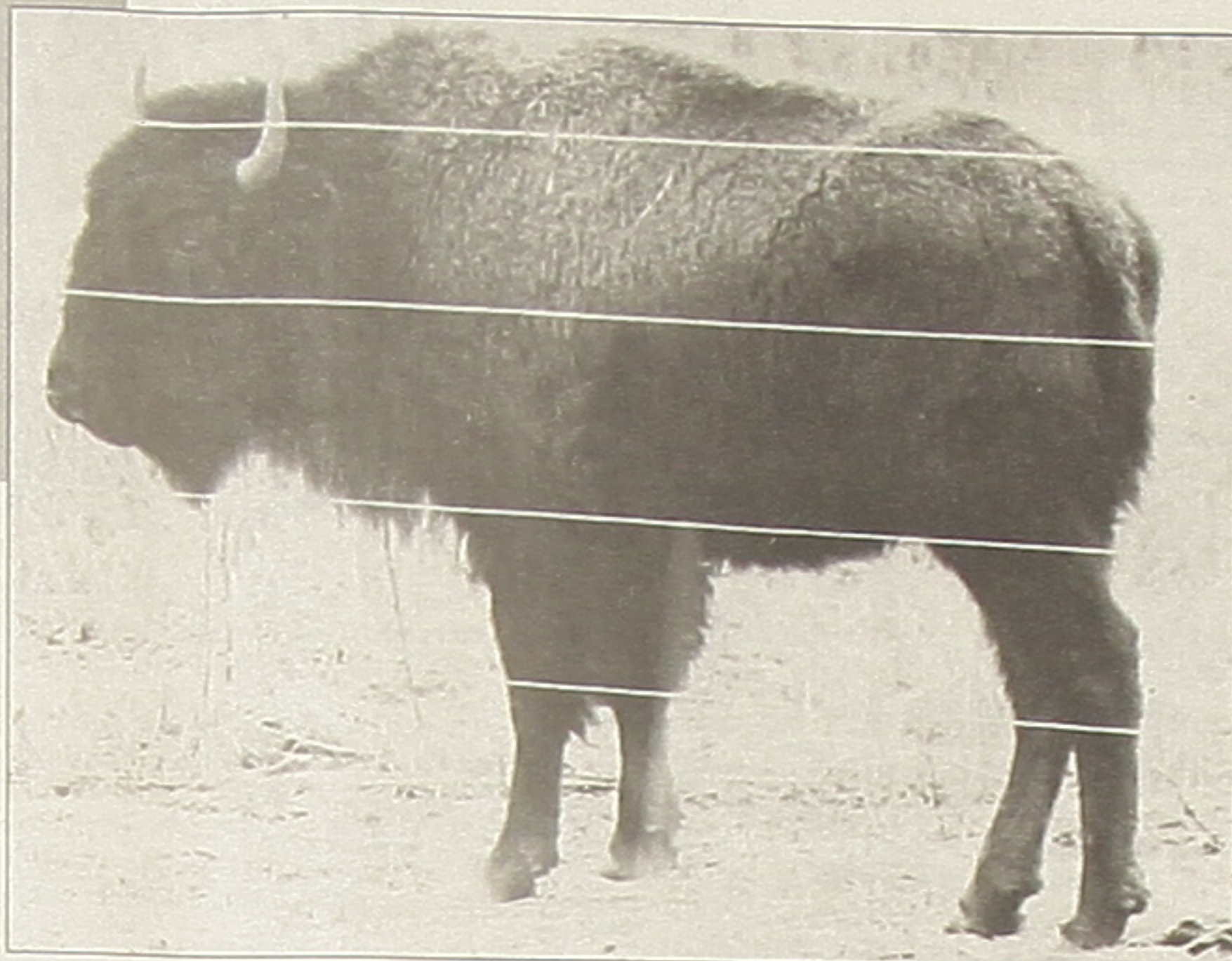
"I think the bison are a big draw for us," Winfrey said. "Our mission here is to preserve and interpret Missouri's tallgrass prairie landscape."

A third of the park is burned each year to recycle nutrients in the soil and help preserve the prairie's features.

Admission to the state-funded park is free. Activities available include hiking, backpack camping, wildlife observation, and photography.

The park is equipped with a visitors' center featuring a small museum and slide show.

"We get a lot of school-age children in our workshops," Winfrey said. "And we think hitting the young at this point of their lives by telling them about the special ecosystem is where we need to educate." □



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Prairie State Park is the only place in Missouri where bison can roam free in their habitat. They were shipped in from parks in Nebraska and Oklahoma. Visitors are advised to stay in their cars in certain areas of the park for their safety.

Controversy surrounds state park's expansion

By DAN WISZKON
MANAGING EDITOR

Prairie State Park has many features that make it interesting, including the controversy over its expansion.

With only 27,000 visitors last year, the 3,300-acre park ranked behind all of Missouri's state parks in attendance.

Sue Holst, an information officer with the Division of State Parks in the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, said state parks aren't created for the sole convenience of visitation. Holst faults the park's isolated location and lack of major highway as part of its attendance problems. She believes parks should focus more on the environmental perspective rather than the business aspect.

"Each park serves a different purpose," Holst said. "We need to keep to our mission, which is to preserve natural and cultural landmarks."

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Holst said adding development to the prairie risks taking away from the reason it was created in the first place, which is preserving a tall grass remnant. She said the park recently shelled out money for signs along the neighboring highways in an attempt to lure visitors.

"Additional recreation could destroy the prairie's unique resources," Holst said.

Another problem Hohulin has with the park is its public ownership, meaning the Department of Natural Resources didn't have to pay the property tax to the Liberal school district prior to a law passed last year. But Hohulin isn't satisfied, claiming the park isn't holding up its share of the payments. He is convinced the park is doing what it is now only to appease him and his supporters.

"Some people appreciate prairie more than others," Holst said. "We are doing

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Bubs Hohulin
State representative and nearby farmer

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One person fighting the park's expansion is Rep. Martin (Bubs) Hohulin (R-Lamar), who farms in the nearby town of Iantha. He has testified against the spending for additional acreage in his district. He blasts the park's low turnout, lack of recreational facilities, and the recent acquisition of more property.

"The park should be frozen at the size it is now unless it adds and expands on events," Hohulin said. "It doesn't really provide that much to the area with the exception of a few state-funded jobs. 'If I drive by and see three cars, it's a crowd.'"

Holst said state parks can pump some money into a surrounding town's economy.

"Any community benefits from having a state park nearby," she said. "It creates interest in the area and gives Liberal an economic boost."

Hohulin disagrees. He claims most of the park's visitors don't even pass through Liberal to get there. And without a business district or restaurant in the vicinity of the park, he said the opportunity for economic benefit to the district is next to none.

Despite believing the land would be better off as a farm, Hohulin doesn't want Prairie State Park shut down but suggests expanding the gift shop and activities tourists seem interested in, like the Prairie Jubilee.

"In order to draw people, you have to give them something to do," Hohulin said. "A lot of people don't like to just look at grass. If a person had a choice between riding a roller coaster and looking at a

what we can to promote the park with the limited resources we have."

Hohulin said he is part of an effort to promote Prairie State Park in a package with the Battle of Carthage park and Truman Birthplace in Lamar.

Dr. Gwen Murdock, associate professor of psychology at Missouri Southern, has been researching the park's bison since 1985. She has confronted Hohulin several times on the issue and calls his attitude toward the park irrational.

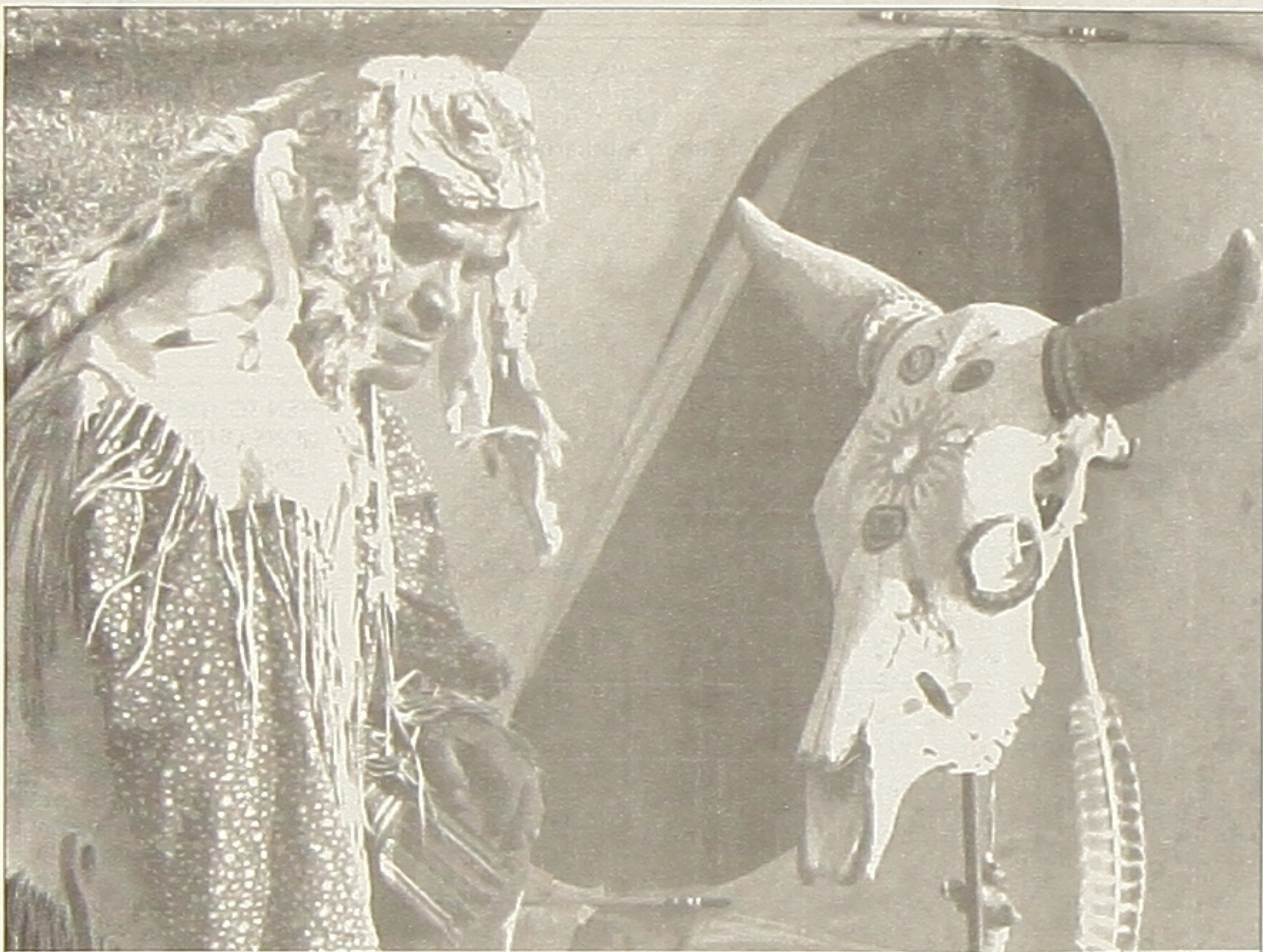
"If it were up to him, everything would be pig farms," Murdock said. "That park is one of the only places where we can feel what our ancestors might have experienced while crossing the prairie."

Murdock said Hohulin's argument of the park's land being more productive as a farm is unjustified. She said one of the reasons for the park's location is because the soil is too rocky to farm.

The two also clash on how the park's bison developed brucellosis, a disease characterized by miscarriages. Hohulin said the bison spread the disease to a herd of cattle a mile down the road, forcing its slaughter. He said the owner suffered a financial hardship and was never reimbursed.

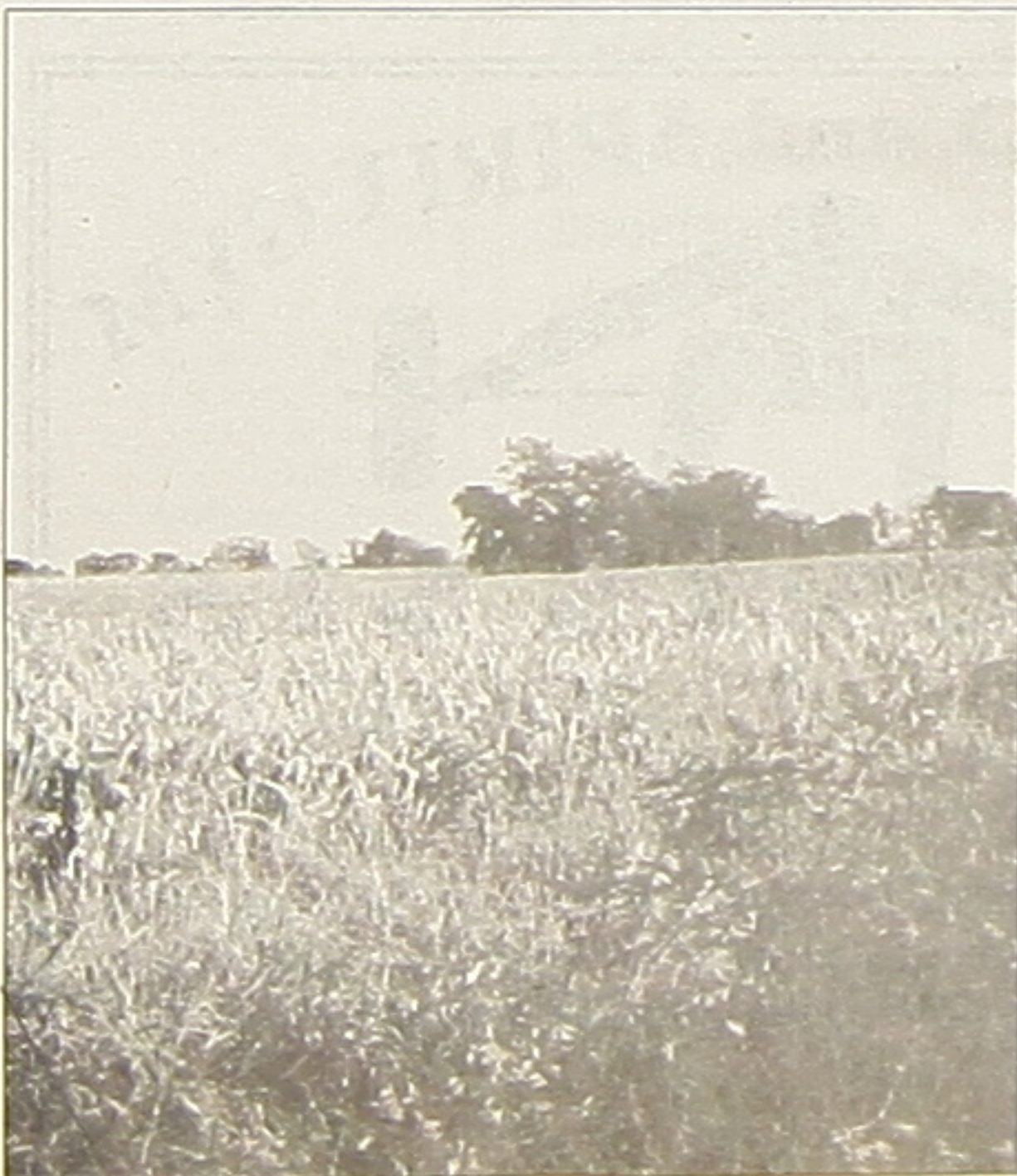
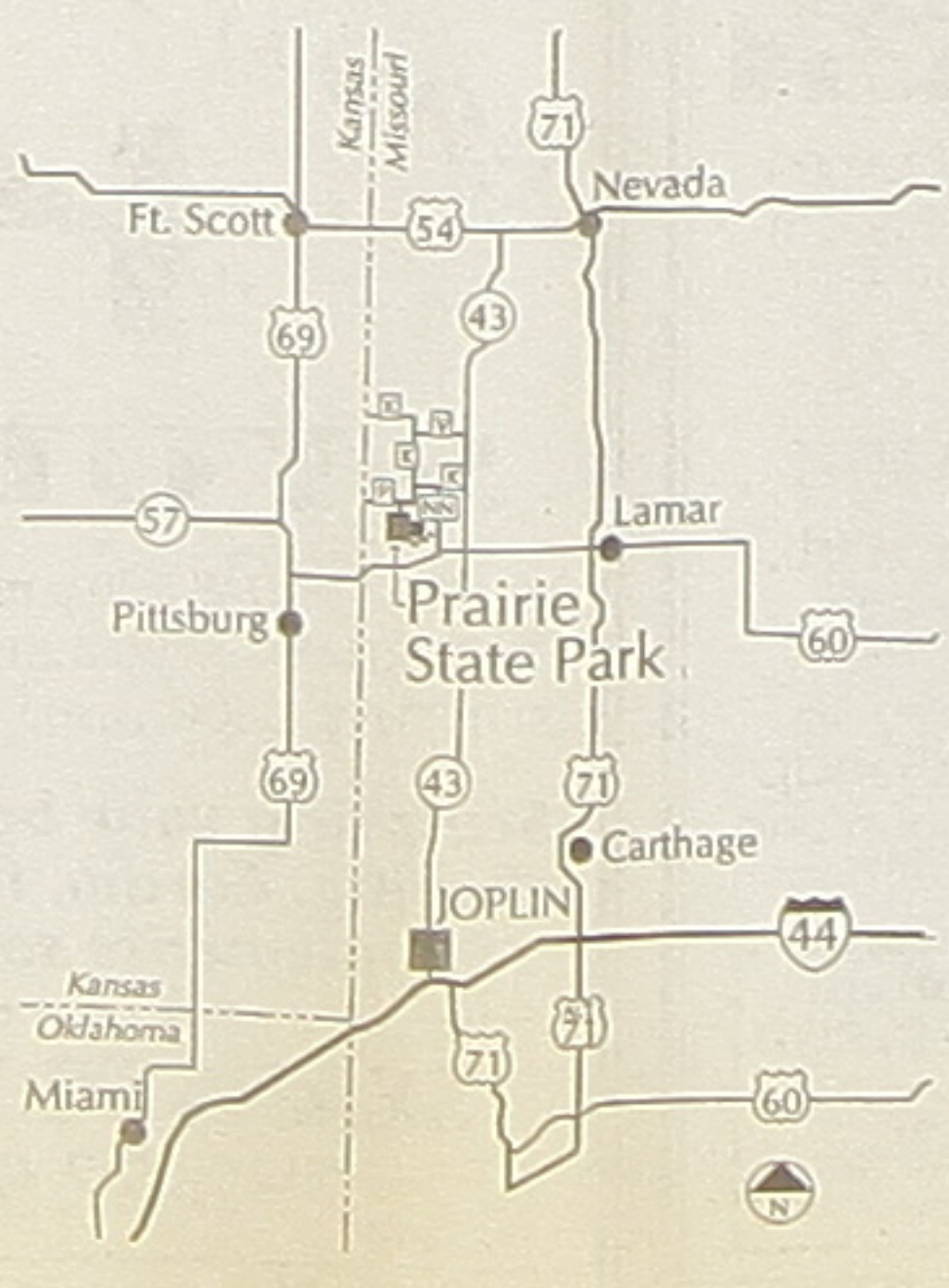
Murdock, who studies the bison's herd structure and behavior, said the opposite is true. She said some of the bison were infected with brucellosis by the cattle most likely through the transportation of fluids by birds and other small animals.

"But he didn't like the park long before the bison ever arrived," she said. "This is why the bison at Yellowstone National Park are in trouble with nearby ranchers." □



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Where is the Park?



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Many professors, some from Missouri Southern, conduct research on the various plants and wildlife at Prairie State Park in Liberal, Mo.